

# COVID-19 Update: What Americans Need to Know About the COVID-19 Relief Package

In late March, the Senate approved a \$2 trillion stimulus package for Americans impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Since then, the Internal Revenue Service released its own guidance for Americans who will receive a check as a result of the stimulus. The economic impact payments will be distributed over the next several weeks, and you may still have some unanswered questions. Here are some of the top-line details consumers need to know:

## 1. Am I eligible?

American taxpayers who earn an adjusted gross income of up to \$75,000 and married couples who file jointly earning up to \$150,000 are eligible for the full payment. From there, payments are reduced by \$5 for each \$100 above the \$75,000/\$150,000 thresholds, according to the IRS. There is a cap to the benefit. If you are a single filer exceeding \$99,000 in income or a joint filer with income exceeding \$198,000 with no children, you are not eligible.

## 2. Do I need to take action?

For most, additional action will not be needed. According to the IRS, they will calculate and automatically send payments to those who are eligible based on their most recent tax return. The IRS is working to develop a web based portal where individuals will be able to provide their banking information to the IRS online so payments can be received immediately.

## 3. What if I don't typically file a tax return?

For individuals who are not required to file such as senior citizens, Social Security recipients and railroad retirees, the IRS will use information on the Form SSA-1099 or Form RRB-1099 to determine eligibility. Eligible individuals would receive \$1,200 (not including dependents).

According to the IRS, payments will be available throughout the rest of 2020. For more information regarding the stimulus package and eligibility, please visit the following link:

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>

If you have questions about how the stimulus impacts your family - including your children or parents - our advisors are here to help. Please give us a call.