

COVID – Federal Information/Resources

On December 21, 2020 Congress passed second \$900 billion COVID19 relief package. 6000 page document highlights:

- > \$600 direct payments per taxpayer (\$1,200 for married filing jointly), and \$600 per qualifying child. The credit phases out starting at \$75,000 of modified adjusted gross income for single filers and \$150,000 for joint filers at a rate of \$5 per \$100 of additional income.
- > Six-month temporary increases to SNAP monthly benefits.
- > Payments through the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program allows unemployed individuals to apply for an additional \$300 per week for 10 weeks beginning December 26th, 2020.
- > Extends Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), a temporary federal program covering self-employed and gig workers until April 5th, 2021.
- > \$25 billion for Rental Assistance for back rent, future rent, and utilities.
- > Extends the eviction moratorium issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through January 31st, 2021
- > \$284.45 billion for a second round of forgivable loans for businesses through the Paycheck Protection Program.
- > Establishes a \$15 billion grant program to support shuttered live venues, theaters, museums, and zoos that have experienced significant revenue losses.

Division by Division Summary -

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/Summary%20of%20H.R.%20133%20Coronavirus%20Relief%20Provisions.pdf>

Check payment status at <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

\$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed 3-25-20

- > One-time check to all individuals making up to \$75k. \$1200 (\$2400 for a couple) + \$500 per child. Every \$100 over \$75k is a \$5 deduction to the amount received. If income greater than \$99k don't qualify.
- > Extension of unemployment insurance to four months and additional UI benefits of \$600/week. Expand eligibility to include self-employed/contractors.
- > \$367 billion for small business loans and creation of an employee retention tax credit.
- > \$500 billion for a major corporate liquidity program
- > funding also for airlines, states, counties, tribal governments, cities, SNAP benefits, rental assistance, transit agencies, airports, hospitals, substance abuse and mental health services, etc

Article with more details - <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/25/818881845/senate-reaches-historic-deal-on-2t-coronavirus-economic-rescue-package>

Treasury Department expects distribution of payments to begin in next 3 weeks (4/1) and will be distributed automatically unless individual didn't file a tax return in 2018.

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

Online form for individuals who didn't file taxes in 2019 or 2018 to get payment -

<https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment>

Federal Service Changes:

> **Census Covid-19 demographic and economic resources** - <https://covid19.census.gov/>

> **Department of Housing and Urban Development** suspended foreclosures/evictions for mortgages insured by FHA until end of April. ICE halted most enforcement. REAL ID deadline extended to 10/1/2021.

> **FBI - Cyber scam related to COVID19 disaster** - submit your complaint to the Internet Crime Complaint Center - FBI's Internet Crimes Complaint Center at <http://www.ic3.gov> or contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or via email at disaster@leo.gov

> **FDA** - The Food and Drug Administration is monitoring the market for anyone marketing products with fraudulent coronavirus diagnostic, prevention and treatment claims. Reports of fraudulent activity can be sent to FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov

> **Forest Service** - Some National Forest lands in Columbia Gorge closed, a few sites open - <http://readyssetgorge.com/>

> **IRS** - tax filing and payment deadline was pushed to July 15, 2020

> **Department of Labor** \$100 million in **dislocated worker grants** for disaster-relief unemployment and employment/training activities. **Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)** - requires most employers to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for reasons related to COVID19 - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employer-paid-leave>

> **State Department** closed US/Canada/Mexico borders to non-essential crossings. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/10/19/fact-sheet-dhs-measures-border-limit-further-spread-coronavirus>