

STIMULUS CHECK FAQ SHEET

This FAQ sheet is to assist individuals who do not file tax returns and to help them understand whether they are eligible to receive a stimulus check under the federal CARES Act.

What is a Stimulus Check?

The federal government approved a law to send out stimulus checks of up to \$1,200 for singles or up to \$2,400 for married couples to help in the aftermath of COVID-19. Families with children may receive an additional \$500.00 for each child under age 17.

How Do I Receive My Stimulus Check if I Do Not File Taxes?

Visit this IRS webpage [IRS Non-Filers Web Tool](#) and register your information (name, address, social security number, number of dependents). Registering through this online tool is the first step to take in order to receive a stimulus check.

Who Should Register with the IRS?

The IRS' Non-Filers web tool is for people who are not required to file a tax return.

- Individuals with too little income to report such as singles making under \$12,200 and married couples making under \$24,400 in 2019.
- Recipients of Veterans disability compensation, pension or survivor benefits paid by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs who *did not file* a tax return for 2018 or 2019 may use this online tool now OR wait until the IRS implements an automatic delivery process for stimulus checks. The IRS is reviewing that option now.
- Individuals who receive SSI (supplemental security income) may use this online tool now OR wait until the IRS implements an automatic delivery process for stimulus checks.

Who Will Receive Stimulus Checks Automatically?

If you filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019, if you receive social security retirement benefits, social security disability insurance benefits or railroad retirement and survivor benefits you do not need to do anything to receive your payment.

I Receive Social Security/Social Security Disability Insurance/Railroad Retirement Benefits and I Have a Qualifying Dependent Under 17.

Use the IRS tool to claim the additional \$500.00 payment per child under 17. Go to: [IRS Non-Filers Web Tool](#). *Please do not go to any other online source other than this one!*

Do I have to pay this back?

No.

Will this affect my tax return for next year or reduce the amount of my tax return?

The stimulus check is not taxable income so it will not increase your income or affect your expected tax refund.

If someone else claimed you as a dependent on their tax return you are not eligible for the check.

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www.lacsn.org