

# FAQS: IRS During COVID-19 Emergency



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## When is my 2019 income tax return due?

The IRS and the State of Arkansas have extended the filing and paying deadline to July 15, 2020. The IRS will not impose any penalties if you pay any balance due by July 15.

## Can I still file a tax return for 2019 or prior years?

You can file a tax return at any time. Paper returns always take much longer time in processing, so e-file whenever possible.

## Can I still receive a refund for 2019 or prior years?

The IRS continues to process tax returns. The deadline for receiving a 2016 refund has been extended to July 15, 2020. You are no longer eligible to receive a refund for 2015 or earlier if you have not yet filed the return.

## What if I owe tax for prior years? Will I still get the EIP?

The IRS will not send your EIP to pay any other debts (IRS debt, state tax debt, student loan debt, or others) except child support.

## Is the IRS still trying to collect the tax that I owe to them?

If you owe the IRS for prior year tax, the IRS has temporarily stopped its collection efforts. However, your automatic payments will continue unless you contact your bank.

## What if I have a problem or controversy with the IRS?

Right now the IRS phone lines are closed. Visit their website for your best source of information at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus). You can also write a letter to the IRS or call Legal Aid at 1-800-967-9224, extension 6304 for help. We are here to answer your call.

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Please call Legal Aid of Arkansas at 1-800-967-9224 ext. 6304 with questions about the economic impact payments or help with tax problems with the IRS.

Find more information and resources at

[www.arlegalservices.org/covid-19](http://www.arlegalservices.org/covid-19)



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