2020 CORONAVIRUS STIMULUS PAYMENT

How to get your $1,200 Stimulus Check

The vast majority of Michigan residents are eligible to receive a stimulus check from the federal government this year. There may be a few things you need to do to get your check as soon as possible.

If you haven’t filed federal taxes or have no income

If you aren’t required to file taxes, your income is under $12,200 ($24,400 for a married couple filing jointly), or you have no income, you still need to enter your payment information at IRS.gov to receive your payment. If you’re required to file taxes, but didn’t file in 2018 or 2019, you can find free filing options through the IRS Free File page.

If you don’t have a bank account

It could take up to five months to receive your stimulus check by mail. To get your stimulus payment quickly via direct deposit, sign up for a bank account online and add your account information at IRS.gov. If you don’t want to sign up for a bank account, you can link your prepaid debit card or Cash App instead.

If you’ve moved since filing your taxes

If you want your stimulus check mailed to you, make sure your address is up to date with the IRS. Visit IRS.gov/TaxInstructions for instructions. Expect delays—it could take up to five months to receive your check by mail.

If you receive Social Security benefits

If you receive Social Security benefits and have no dependents, you don’t need to file a tax return. If you have dependents, file a tax return to ensure you get a $500 credit for each dependent. Social Security is not the same as $500; if you receive $500, you’ll either need to file a tax return or enter your payment information at IRS.gov.

If you’ve already filed taxes and are signed up for direct deposit, sit tight—there’s nothing you need to do.

For more information, visit poverty.umich.edu/stimulus-checks