IMPORTANT TAX 2019 UPDATES



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, AARP in-person Tax Aide Program has been suspended.

The deadline for filing has been extended to July 15, for both federal and state returns. However, AARP will not be able to restart the tax service until it is considered 100% safe for the counselors and for you, our clients, to do so---again, dependent upon duration of the virus shutdown.

While we wait for the service to resume, you can elect to file an **Automatic Extension of Time to File** (Form 4868) which extends your personal filing due date to October 15, 2020. This can be done online or mail-in at any time between now and July 15. The form and instructions can be downloaded here. Printed copies of this form is available at OASIS front gate, or, if you need one mailed to you, contact us at OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov/oasis or (949) 644-3244.

For information on what you need to know about **Economic Impact Payments** (Stimulus check), please click <u>here</u>.

Good news for low-income taxpayers, senior citizens, Social Security recipients, some veterans and



individuals with disabilities who are otherwise not required to file a tax return. "The IRS will use Social Security data to generate payments to recipients who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019. Recipients will receive these payments as a direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their benefits." Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in a statement.

Lastly, be aware of all the scams that are targeting tax payers at this time. The official form of contact with taxpayers by the IRS is through the USPS mail, not by email, text messages or social media to request personal or financial information.

We will provide updates on this essential service, including scheduling appointments, as soon as it becomes available. We appreciate your patience,

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