

IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE THE \$1,2010 STIMULUS CHECK – ACT NOW TO CLAIM YOUR MONEY – DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21!









To help people during COVID-19, the federal government provided a one-time payment, usually called the stimulus payment. To be eligible, you and your family members need to have social security numbers. The payment does not affect your SNAP, RI Works, Child Care Assistance or Medicaid. If you filed taxes in 2018 or 2019, you were sent the payment for your family automatically. If you receive government benefits: SSI, Social Security Disability/Retirement Benefits, Railroad Retirement or Veterans benefits, you also received your payment automatically.

The stimulus payment is **\$1,200** for adults and **\$500** for each dependent child under age 17.

If you didn't get your stimulus check automatically, you should file for it now.* Time to file ends November 21.



Here's how to file:

-  Go online at irs.gov. Many libraries are open and have computer access.
-  Click on the box that says: Non-filers enter information here.
-  You need to have (or create) an e-mail address to create an account on the site. Follow the instructions to complete the form.
-  The check will be sent to your bank account. If you don't have a bank account, the IRS will mail you a paper check to the address you provide.
-  Some people are being mailed a prepaid debit card instead of a check. The debit card arrives in a plain envelope from "Money Network Cardholder Services". There is a letter stating that this is your "Economic Impact Payment" with the card attached. There are instructions about how to activate and use the card. The mailing can look like "junk mail", so be sure to open the envelope!
-  If you don't have a permanent address, you can use the address of a trusted family member or friend. You can also find an organization that will allow you to use their address.

*NOTE: If you made more than \$12,000 (\$24,000 if married filing jointly) in 2019 and you haven't filed a tax return, you should not use the non-filer portal. You should speak with a tax advisor or a staff person at a VITA site. You may be eligible for other tax credits, but you may also have to pay a penalty for filing a late return.



**If you need help filing for the stimulus payment, call 2-1-1 or
1-800-367-2700**