



GIL CISNEROS

Representing **CALIFORNIA'S 39th** District

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS



A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN CISNEROS



Dear Friend,

As the 39th District rallies together to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19), I know that many constituents are facing challenging times and have questions about the CARES Act economic impact payments.

Please find enclosed a list of resources that may help during this time. As always, my staff is here to help you navigate federal agencies and other resources. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (714) 459-4575.

We are all in this together.

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Economic Impact Payments Overview

The public health and economic consequences of COVID-19 have been significant. To help Americans during this public health crisis, Congress created a one-time stimulus payment under the [**CARES Act**](#). The amount of assistance will be based on your family size and adjusted gross income.

For **single** tax filers:

- If you make up to \$75,000 annually, you are eligible for a rebate of \$1,200.
- If you make between \$75,000 and \$99,000, the rebate is reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income above \$75,000.
- You are eligible for an additional \$500 per qualifying child under the age of 17.

For **joint** tax filers:

- If you make up to \$150,000 annually, you are eligible for a rebate of \$2,400.
- If you make between \$150,000 and \$198,000, the rebate is reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income above \$150,000.
- You are eligible for an additional \$500 per qualifying child under the age of 17.

Resources

Economic Impact Payment Information Center - IRS webpage with the most up to date information on the economic impact payments. Website can be found [here](#).

Get My Payment - An IRS portal that allows taxpayers to check on the status of their economic impact payments and provide banking information for a direct deposit if the IRS does not already have your banking information. Website can be found [here](#).

Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info - An IRS portal for those who are not typically required to file tax returns. It allows non-filers to register for their rebate payments and provide the IRS with their adjusted gross income, number of dependents, marital status, and banking information for direct deposit. Website can be found [here](#).



Frequently Asked Questions

How will I receive my payment?

Americans who filed 2018 or 2019 tax returns or who receive Social Security do not need to take action. Those who filled their taxes and provided direct deposit information will automatically receive payment in their bank accounts; those who typically receive their refunds by mail will receive a paper check. If you would like to receive your payment electronically and not through the mail, you can use the [**Get My Payment**](#) portal to provide bank information and speed up receipt of your payment.

Americans who did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 should use the [**Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info**](#) portal to submit basic personal information to quickly and securely receive their Economic Impact Payments.

When will I receive my payment?

The IRS started distributing economic impact payments to Americans who have already provided direct deposit information the week of April 13. The IRS will continue distributing these payments on an ongoing basis.

The IRS has informed Congress they plan to begin issuing paper checks to individuals beginning the week of May 4 at a rate of 5 million checks per week, which could take up to 20 weeks to get all the checks out. The checks will be issued in reverse "adjusted gross income order, starting with people with the lowest income first.

To help speed up your receipt of the payment, the IRS is encouraging as many individuals as possible to provide direct deposit information rather than opt for the mailed paper check. To provide direct payment information, you can:

- File your 2019 tax return and include the requested banking information on the return if you have not yet filed your 2019 tax return;
- Provide your banking information through the [**Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info**](#) portal if you are an individual not required to file a federal tax return;
- Use the [**Get My Payment**](#) portal to provide bank information if you have already filed a return without providing this information.



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Are Social Security beneficiaries eligible?

How will they receive payment? Social Security recipients are eligible for the rebate payments (subject to the income thresholds above) and will NOT be required to file a return. Recipients will receive their rebate just as they would their Social Security benefits.

What identification requirements apply to receive rebates?

Taxpayers must have Social Security Numbers (SSNs) for themselves and their qualifying children in order to receive rebates.

Are families eligible for rebates when some (but not all) members have SSNs?

In the case of mixed-status families where the filer has an SSN and the child does not, the filer should be able to claim the credit for the \$1,200 (\$2,400 if married) for themselves, but not the \$500 per child without an SSN. In the case of mixed-status families where the filer does not have an SSN and the child does, the rebate is not available except for military families where one spouse has an SSN.

Is there a limit on the number of qualifying children taken into account?

No. There is no limit on the number of qualifying children taken into account for purposes of the rebates.

Do rebates need to be repaid?

No, rebates do not need to be repaid. If an individual experienced an income gain in 2020 or if they have fewer dependents under 17, they will not need to repay any portion of the rebate that they received. If an individual experienced an income loss in 2020 or if they have an increase in family size, they may be able to claim an additional credit for the difference when the individual files their 2020 tax federal income tax return in 2021.



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Are rebates subject to federal income tax?

No. The rebates are federal income tax refunds and are not subject to federal income tax.

Will the direct payment affect my eligibility for means-tested programs?

No. Like other tax credits, these payments do not count as income or resources for means-tested programs. So receiving a rebate will not interfere with someone's eligibility for SSI, SNAP, Medicaid, ACA premium credits, TANF, housing assistance, or other income-related federal program.

How will a person who has recently moved access rebates?

If the person provided direct deposit information on their 2019 or 2018 tax return, the IRS will use that information to make the payment rather than mailing a paper check. If the person did not provide direct deposit information on their 2019 or 2018 return, you can provide your bank information using the [Get My Payment](#) portal.



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Thank You!

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Congressman Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.

Congressman Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr. was sworn in as Representative of California's 39th Congressional District on January 3rd, 2019 and is serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives. California's 39th District encompasses portions of Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties. Congressman Cisneros currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee (HVAC). He is also a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and the bipartisan For Country Caucus. He is a staunch advocate for our national defense, our servicemembers, and veterans. Congressman Cisneros was born and raised in Southern California and attended college on a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) scholarship becoming the first in his family to graduate from college. He currently holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from The George Washington University, an MBA from Regis University, and a master's degree in Urban Education Policy from Brown University. Congressman Cisneros served as a supply corps officer in the United States Navy completing both a Western Pacific and Mediterranean deployment. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the National Defense Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Prior to serving in Congress, he and his wife Jacki founded the Gilbert and Jacki Cisneros Foundation, which invests in college access and affordability programs for students and veterans. Jacki and Congressman Cisneros have been happily married for 14 years and are the proud parents of five-year-old twin boys.