Dear Current and Previous Members,

We hope you are all staying healthy, adhering to social distancing, wearing your mask and washing your hands.

We want to keep the communication lines open and share some information.

**Here’s how much individuals will get from the Economic Impact Payments**

Below is an email from the IRS regarding the COVID Stimulus payments

Employed full or part time? Unemployed? A temporary or gig worker? Retired or disabled? Receive public benefits? Have no income? Most U.S. residents – under certain income levels - will receive the Economic Impact Payment if they are not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer and have a Social Security number.

**Here’s how much the payments will be:**

* Eligible individuals will receive up to $1,200.
* Eligible married couples will receive up to $2,400.
* Eligible individuals will receive up to $500 for each qualifying child.

Taxpayers will receive a reduced payment if their adjusted gross income is between:

* $75,000 and $99,000 if their filing status was single or married filing separately
* $112,500 and $136,500 for head of household
* $150,000 and $198,000 if their filing status was married filing jointly

Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for either 2019 or 2018 will automatically receive an [Economic Impact Payment](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MTQuMjAxMjMyOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5pcnMuZ292L25ld3Nyb29tL2Vjb25vbWljLWltcGFjdC1wYXltZW50cy13aGF0LXlvdS1uZWVkLXRvLWtub3cifQ.fdi5GDGhzQqXAC_iGBzRw128bIFClkVM42T2zfHIO40/br/77380948444-l).

Payments will also be automatic for people who receive Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits who don’t normally file a tax return. Those receiving these benefits who aren’t claimed as a dependent on someone else’s return or required to file a tax return are eligible for a $1,200 payment. However, people in this group who have qualifying children under age 17 will need to provide information using the [*Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MTQuMjAxMjMyOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5pcnMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzL25vbi1maWxlcnMtZW50ZXItcGF5bWVudC1pbmZvLWhlcmUifQ.ueqcq46fcICOXWxmIwvgvtLnie5QGKmC2xv3dQ1YD0M/br/77380948444-l) tool to claim the $500 payment per child.

The IRS encourages people to share this information with family and friends. Some people who normally don’t file a tax return may not realize they’re eligible for an Economic Impact Payment.

For additional and updated information, visit the [Coronavirus Tax Relief](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MTQuMjAxMjMyOTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5pcnMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzIn0.Q5BNCiGt-shPNogm_YTgnUYxqhqXmu-F4bWwVg4XMqE/br/77380948444-l) page on [IRS.gov](http://irs.gov/).

**COVID-19 TAX SCAMS**

Now that the checks will be coming the scammers will be out trying to get your payment. Below is a warning from the IRS regarding tax scams.

“If you receive calls, emails, or other communications claiming to be from the Treasury Department and offering COVID-19 related grants or stimulus payments in exchange for personal financial information, or an advance fee, tax, or charge of any kind, including the purchase of gift cards, please do not respond.  These are scams.  Please contact the FBI at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov/) so that the scammers can be tracked and stopped.

**Please do not give any personal information over the phone or email.  Do not open links.   The TCE volunteers of our program will never ask for personal information over the phone**.

If you are unsure if the person on the phone is a TCE Volunteer, ask for their name and telephone and confirm with Barbara Harris by emailing Treasurer@thepcclub.org.

**What’s Happening with the Tax Program**

AARP has suspended the TCE program last month. We are currently receiving an update on a weekly basis.  The TCE Program is working with the IRS to come up with a plan to bring the program back up.

You have until July 15th to file and pay your taxes.   **This applies to both the Federal and State of California Tax Returns.** You do not need to file an extension form as this is an automatic extension.

If you had an AARP appointment you are on our list and we will contact, you when we have more information on where and when we can prepare your tax return.

If you believe you are due a refund and would like to move forward and get your taxes done, there are various online tax software for you to use.

Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov/) and link on options to file your return.  Some of the software applications are free and some will charge you to file your return.

Your other choice will be to wait until the program is up and running.

If you have any questions, please contact treasurer@thepcclub.org

**Stay Safe in Your Online Life Too**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us are turning to the internet to connect, learn, work and entertain ourselves from home.

 We’re setting up new accounts, reading more news, watching more videos and scrolling through social media at an all-time high. These are excellent ways to stay connected while being physically distant, but they do come with a set of concerns worth noting.

**For more information about Picking Strong Passwords, Do and Don’ts on developing Passwords, Pause if something seems suspicious, Verify your Covid-19 news, and other security topics visit our website**[**https://www.thepcclub.org/**](https://www.thepcclub.org/)**Under Announcements select Stay Safe in Your Online Life Too.**

**Visit our Website**

Although the Workshop and learning Centers remain closed, our website is always available. So if you missed our March meeting, the presentation is available on our website <https://www.thepcclub.org/>  Click on Meeting Links

We also have a link for developments in Cyber Security.  Many hours of presentations (Free) and spanning 5+ yrs., is available at this URL  <https://apcug2.org/category/virtual-tech-conference/>  Topics cover all computing subjects and computer devices.

Last but not least, you can refresh many PC skills, and acquire new ones, by searching out presentations here: [https://www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/)  Stay connected by reading this column and visiting our website for further updates.

Stay safe and healthy out there.

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