

IRS launches new tool to help non-filers register for Economic Impact Payments

To help millions of people, the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service launched a **new web tool** allowing quick registration for Economic Impact Payments for those who don't normally file a tax return.

The non-filer tool, developed in partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, provides a free and easy option designed for people who don't have a return filing obligation, including those with too little income to file. The feature is available only on IRS.gov, and users should look for Non-filers: Enter Payment Info Here to take them directly to the tool.

"People who don't have a return filing obligation can use this tool to give us basic information so they can receive their Economic Impact Payments as soon as possible," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "The IRS and Free File Alliance have been working around the clock to deliver this new tool to help people."

The IRS reminds taxpayers that Economic Impact Payments will be distributed automatically to most people starting next week. Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2018 will receive the payments automatically. Automatic payments will also go in the near future to those people receiving Social Security retirement, survivors, disability (SDDI), or survivor benefits and Railroad Retirement benefits.

How do I use the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info tool?

For those who don't normally file a tax return, the process is simple and only takes a few minutes to complete. First, visit

IRS.gov, and look for “Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here.” Then provide basic information including Social Security number, name, address, and dependents. The IRS will use this information to confirm eligibility and calculate and send an Economic Impact Payment. Using the tool to get your payment will not result in any taxes being owed. Entering bank or financial account information will allow the IRS to deposit your payment directly in your account. Otherwise, your payment will be mailed to you.

“Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info” is secure, and the information entered will be safe. The tool is based on Free File Fillable Forms, part of the Free File Alliance’s offerings of free products on IRS.gov.

Who should use the Non-Filers tool?

This new tool is designed for people who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 and who don’t receive Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits. Others who should consider the Non-Filers tool as an option, include:

Lower income: Among those who could use Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info tool are those who haven’t filed a 2018 or 2019 return because they are under the normal income limits for filing a tax return. This may include single filers who made under \$12,200 and married couples making less than \$24,400 in 2019.

Veterans beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients: The IRS continues to explore ways to see if Economic Impact Payments can be made automatically to SSI recipients and those who receive veterans disability compensation, pension or survivor benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and who did not file a tax return for the 2018 or 2019 tax years. People in these groups can either use Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info option now or wait as the IRS

continues to review automatic payment options to simplify delivery for these groups.

Social Security, SSDI and Railroad Retirement beneficiaries with qualifying dependents: These groups will automatically receive \$1,200 Economic Impact Payments. People in this group who have qualifying children under age 17 may use Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info to claim the \$500 payment per child.

Students and others: If someone else claimed you on their tax return, you will not be eligible for the Economic Impact Payment or using the Non-Filer tool.

Coming next week: Automatic payments begin

Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for either 2019 or 2018 and chose direct deposit of their refund will automatically receive an Economic Impact Payment of up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples and \$500 for each qualifying child. Individuals who receive Social Security retirement, survivors or disability benefits, SSDI or who receive Railroad Retirement benefits but did not file a return for 2019 or 2018 will automatically receive a payment in the near future.

Coming next week: Get My Payment shows Economic Impact Payment date, helps with direct deposit

To help everyone check on the status of their payments, the IRS is building a second new tool expected to be available for use by April 17. Get My Payment will provide people with the status of their payment, including the date their payment is scheduled to be deposited into their bank account or mailed to them.

An additional feature on Get My Payment will allow eligible people a chance to provide their bank account information so they can receive their payment more quickly rather than waiting for a paper check. This feature will be unavailable if

the Economic Impact Payment has already been scheduled for delivery.

More Information on Economic Impact Payments

The IRS will post additional updates on [IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus) on these and other issues.

New Bedford reports 136 total positive COVID-19 cases Saturday, up 17 since Friday

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported 136 positive cases of COVID-19 Saturday morning, up from the **119 cases they reported on Friday** and up from 102 on Thursday. Mayor Mitchell reported **New Bedford's third COVID-19 related death on Friday**.

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On April 10, the Massachusetts Public Health Department

reported that the state added 2,033 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 15,202. This is a decrease from Thursday's 2,151 reported cases. 96 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday (4 in Bristol County) bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 599. Full details [here](#).

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Gov. Baker issues face covering advisory, authorizes 3,000 more National Guard personnel

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A new Department of Public Health advisory, consistent with CDC guidance, recommends that all residents wear a mask or face covering in public when social distancing is not possible. In addition, the Executive Branch issued similar guidance to state employees recommending when masks or face coverings should be utilized while working.

The administration has also expanded access to the free priority COVID-19 testing sites for first responders located at Gillette Stadium and the Big E fairgrounds to include grocery store workers.

Additionally, Governor Charlie Baker authorized the activation of an additional 3,000 more military personnel of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Face Coverings and Cloth Masks Advisory: The Baker-Polito Administration today issued guidance to residents and Executive Branch employees recommending the use of a face covering or cloth mask when in situations where maintaining proper social distancing measures are not possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as in a grocery store.

A face covering may include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including a mask, scarf or bandana. Health care masks, such as N95 masks, should not be used and should be preserved for health care workers and first responders. Cloth masks should not be worn by young children under the age of two, persons with difficulty breathing, or those who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Instructions on how to make a cloth mask are available from the CDC [here](#).

Grocery Store Worker Priority Testing: The Baker-Polito Administration and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security today expanded access to the free, priority COVID-19 testing sites for first responders to now include grocery store and supermarket workers. Beginning Saturday, April 11,

the men and women who provide critical access to food and other necessities may schedule an appointment to receive COVID-19 testing at the sites located at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro and the Big E fairgrounds in West Springfield.

All appointments must be made in advance by the worker's supervisor or manager, and personnel do not need to be symptomatic to be eligible.

Massachusetts National Guard Activation: Yesterday, the Baker-Polito Administration authorized the activation of an additional 3,000 military personnel of the Massachusetts National Guard to support the Commonwealth's COVID-19 response. This order raises the total authorization to up to 5,000 members statewide, who may be tasked with supporting requests from state agencies for equipment, logistics, warehousing and related duties. Local cities, towns and state agencies should submit requests for support through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

The activation reflects Governor Baker's statutory authority to activate the Massachusetts National Guard under state active duty to provide necessary assistance to state and municipal civilian authorities.

The Baker-Polito Administration will continue to update the public on developments related to COVID-19. Residents can visit www.mass.gov/covid19 for the latest information, call 2-1-1 with questions, and text "COVIDMA" to 888-777 to subscribe to text-alert updates.

United Way of Greater New Bedford establishes “Help United,” COVID-19 response fund to assist residents effected by the Coronavirus

In Greater New Bedford, residents are already feeling the impact of COVID-19. Many local businesses have closed or moved to reduced hours, workers are either out of work or struggling to find child care, and schools have been closed until May. It's an uncertain time and many are finding themselves in financial situations where they have to choose between food, rent and/ or medication.

United Way of Greater New Bedford is stepping in to help, and the City of New Bedford is actively supporting the effort. United Way has established the Help United – Greater New Bedford COVID-19 Response Fund to assist residents affected by the Coronavirus. This fund will provide cash assistance to out of work service workers and retired or out of work seniors over 65 in the Greater New Bedford area.

“United Way is no stranger to helping those in most need in our community. We have been working around the clock to ensure people have what they need during this difficult and uncertain time,” said Michelle N. Hantman, President & CEO. “We’ve set up the Help United Fund to assist residents financially and our Hunger Commission is making sure local food pantries are well stocked.”

The Help United Fund is the only local fund being endorsed by the City of New Bedford and Mayor Jon Mitchell.

“The Covid-19 pandemic has abruptly turned upside down the

lives of many of our fellow residents of Greater New Bedford, some of whom will not be eligible for federal relief. It is with them in mind that United Way launched this fund,” said Mayor Jon Mitchell. “I encourage everyone in our region to step forward with whatever you can afford in support of our friends and neighbors.”

Mayor Mitchell has appointed Christian Farland as Chairman of the Help United Response Fund. Mr. Farland is a professional civil engineer and the founder and President of Farland Corporation, Inc., a site contracting company specializing in residential and commercial site development, and the President of Thompson Farland, Inc., a civil engineering land surveying company.

“The impact of the Covid-19 crisis on our community is unprecedented,” said Farland. “As a business owner with deep ties to New Bedford, I am increasingly concerned for the service workers in our cities and towns, laid off or working reduced hours that compromise their ability to provide for their families. I am confident in United Way of Greater New Bedford’s ability to effectively raise and designate resources to those in need, and proud to support this effort.”

You can make a donation to the Help United Fund by texting **HELPUNITED** to 313131 or visiting unitedwayofgnb.org.

“We aren’t sure how long our community will be impacted by the coronavirus, but the more donations we receive, the longer we will be able to support residents and keep them in their homes,” said Hantman.

Those looking for assistance from the fund can review the guidelines and apply at unitedwayofgnb.org/help-united.

In addition to the financial assistance to residents, United Way’s Hunger Commission continues to deliver food to pantries in Greater New Bedford. Restaurants with food they are unable to use are encouraged to donate their food to the Hunger

Commission by calling 508-994-9625. Those looking for food assistance should visit unitedwayofgnb.org to see an up-to-date list of open pantries and their hours.

Anyone with questions regarding COVID-19 should dial 2-1-1 to get information. Mass 211 is a 24/7, free, confidential hotline that provides information on local resources. 211 has been designated by the Department of Public Health to answer your questions. Mass 211 is funded by local United Ways.

New law upends MCAS for current school year, loosens housing assistance rules

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MCAS testing requirements for the school year are suspended, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will modify or waive graduation requirements for students set to complete high school this summer, and due dates for district improvement plans will be pushed back under a bill Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law Friday.

Baker signed the bill (H 4616) one day after the Legislature sent it to him, implementing immediate changes in school districts that have been closed by executive order since March 15. The new law also postpones the MBTA's budget timeline and makes housing assistance benefits easier to acquire remotely.

"Cancelling MCAS testing for the remainder of this school year will enable our teachers and students to focus on learning and

personal well-being as we continue to navigate the current public health emergency,” Sen. Jason Lewis, co-chair of the Legislature’s Education Committee, said in a statement after the branches agreed to the bill Thursday. “Legislators heard loud and clear from teachers, parents and superintendents that this was the right thing to do.”

The new law requires Education Commissioner Jeff Riley to vacate the annual requirement for a standardized test in public schools amid disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will also be instructed to modify or waive MCAS competency standards typically required to acquire a high school diploma.

The bill also grants districts breathing room on filing plans to close achievement gaps, which originally were due by April 1 under a seven-year, \$1.5 billion education funding reform law signed last year. Language in the law Baker signed Friday sets the new deadline as May 15 while giving Riley authority to delay it again.

If schools are unable to approve fiscal year 2021 budgets by June 30 because of ongoing social distancing, they can implement stopgap monthly spending plans at one-twelfth the amount of the fiscal year 2020 budget, under the new law.

Baker’s current executive order requires all K-12 schools to remain closed through at least May 4, and while the governor has resisted keeping them shuttered through the end of the academic year, extensions are possible if public health risks continue.

The federal government allowed states to cancel testing requirements if they filed waivers, and at least 40 have done so, according to the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

“Once the governor ordered schools closed until at least May 4, it was obvious to educators and parents that Massachusetts should join the many other states that have already canceled

their test-administration requirements this spring,” MTA President Merrie Najimy said shortly before Baker signed the bill.

Najimy reiterated past criticism of the MCAS system and said the pause “provides all of us with an opportunity to rethink the testing requirements.”

The new law also delays statutory budget dates for the MBTA, which has seen ridership drop more than 75 percent and revenues fall by tens of millions of dollars per month during the pandemic.

The Fiscal and Management Control Board now has until May 15 to approve a preliminary budget and until June 15 to submit a final spending plan to the MBTA Advisory Board, rather than March 15 and April 15, respectively.

Before the pandemic slammed Massachusetts, the focus had been on investing more money into the T to ensure its capacity to more efficiently move scores of travelers. For now, the debate around the T has changed.

MBTA officials plan to present more information about the fiscal year 2020 revenue impacts of the outbreak at a Monday meeting, most of which will be conducted remotely.

The new law also allows Massachusetts residents seeking housing assistance to acquire benefits without completing in-person verification in a state office, enabling people to avoid COVID-19 exposure risks.

Towns cannot terminate essential services offered to residents including water, electricity and trash collection for failure to pay taxes or fees due after Baker declared a state of emergency on March 10, so long as the constituent demonstrates a financial hardship stemming from the outbreak.

“This legislation helps a wide variety of entities deal with

the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic,” House Ways and Means Committee Chair Rep. Aaron Michlewitz said. “Whether it’s aiding our cities and towns with the needs of their school districts, to helping homeless providers have greater flexibility in protecting those most in need, the Legislature stands ready to help those most affected by this public health crisis.”

While lawmakers celebrated the bill’s passage in a joint press release featuring eight different legislators, Baker’s signature came with less fanfare.

“Signed it already, and thanked the Legislature for getting it done,” Baker said at his daily coronavirus press briefing when asked about the bill.

Massachusetts reports 96 new COVID-19 deaths, highest single-day total yet

On April 10, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 2,033 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 20,974. This is a decrease from Thursday’s 2,151 reported cases. 96 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday (4 in Bristol County) bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 599.

As of 4 pm today, 102,372 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 – 7,447 in the past 24 hours compared to the previous day’s total of 7,447.



New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported a third COVID-19 related death in New Bedford today. No further details are being released on the death. 119 positive cases of COVID-19 were also reported Friday morning, up from the **102 cases they reported on Thursday** and up from 81 on Wednesday.

Mayor Mitchell reported **New Bedford's first two COVID-19 related deaths on Wednesday.**

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As of April 10, the total amount of cases in The United States is 473,093 with 17,836 total deaths.

Dartmouth Police seek public's help in identifying

“a virus of a different kind”

The Dartmouth Police Department posted the following on their Facebook page:

“Calling all cAHs...Calling all cAHs

Though all of us here at DPD are much more concerned about getting sick with a different kind of virus these days, do you know what else also makes us sick to our stomachs? Yup. You guessed it...THIEVES!

In an effort to help us start feeling a bit better, we are requesting a little dose of assistance with identifying this guy, who recently tried to pass a forged prescription at a local pharmacy.

If anyone would like to help us get one step closer to developing a vaccine for thievery, they are encouraged to either send us a private message or call Detective Sean “Doc” McGuire at 508-910-1733.

Thank you!

PLEASE SHARE”

Senator Warren unveils bill to stop price gouging during COVID-19 Pandemic

Washington, D.C. – United States Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) today introduced the Senate companion to the Price Gouging

Prevention Act, legislation that would prohibit price gouging of consumer goods throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies. The legislation, which was first introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressmen Joe Neguse (D-CO-02) and Ted Lieu (D-CA-33), is co-sponsored by Senator Kamala D. Harris (D-CA).

“We can’t allow American families – who are already struggling to make ends meet during this public health emergency – to be squeezed even further by companies out to make a quick buck,” said Senator Warren. “This bill would protect consumers now and during any future crisis by setting tougher rules of the road and enhancing enforcement against predatory price gouging – and it needs to be included in Congress’s next relief package.”

“It is unacceptable that Americans across the country have been forced to pay higher prices for basic essentials and supplies in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Congressman Joe Neguse. “Absent a coordinated Federal response, I fear many preventative products will continue to be out of reach for American consumers, thereby placing their health and their family’s health at risk. I was proud to introduce the Price Gouging Prevention Act in the House last week and am grateful to have Senator Warren’s support on this important issue in the Senate. This legislation will not only protect American consumers throughout the duration of the coronavirus public health emergency, but future national emergencies as well.”

“No one should exploit people who are suffering,” said Senator Harris. “Price gouging on household necessities is shameful and adds unnecessary stress for families that are just trying to get by. During my time as Attorney General, I fought price gouging during wildfires, and I’m proud today to help introduce the Senate version of a bill to make it illegal nationwide.”

“Taking advantage of consumers during a public health emergency is wrong,” said Congressman Ted Lieu. “A lot of large and small businesses are stepping up to produce necessities for our communities and our healthcare workers, but there are still opportunistic merchants trying to make an extra buck on panic. I’m grateful to partner with Rep. Neguse, Sen. Warren and Sen. Harris on the Price Gouging Prevention Act, which will protect consumers from being forced to pay astronomical prices for what are ordinarily affordable basic goods and necessities.”

The outbreak of COVID-19 throughout the United States has led to a surge in demand for-and shortage of-many essential consumer products, including hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. While several retailers have taken steps to maintain access to these products, there have been numerous reports of merchants, large and small, taking advantage of the current crisis to prey on consumers by charging outrageous prices for what are usually affordable household staples.

The Price Gouging Prevention Act would prohibit such practices during the current public health emergency-as well as future national emergencies-by directing the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to enforce a ban on any excessive or opportunistic price increases. The legislation provides that any price increase above 10% will be presumed to be price gouging. It also gives the FTC strong authority to enforce the ban, and gives states flexibility to enforce federal law and enact their own laws to crack down on price gouging.

In a New York Times op-ed published on April 8, 2020, Senator Warren urged Congress to focus on cracking down on price gouging in its ongoing effort to address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Last month, Senator Warren joined her colleagues in urging the FTC to use its full authority to prevent abusive price gouging on consumer health products during the COVID-19.

Governor Baker Announces COVID-19 Text Alerts Now Available In Spanish

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration today announced that its COVID-19 text message alert system “AlertsMA” is now available in Spanish. This expansion of the text-alert system means that the same text alerts that are distributed via the English-language system will now be available to Spanish-language users.

Users can subscribe to the Spanish-language service by texting COVIDMAESP to 888-777.

“Throughout the COVID-19 outbreak, we have consistently reminded residents to get their information from trusted sources, and with the expansion of the AlertsMA text alert system, we are making it easier for Spanish-speaking residents to access important updates from the Commonwealth,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “This new service builds on our efforts to keep people in all communities across the Commonwealth informed as we confront COVID-19 together.”

Since its launch on March 24, over 215,000 individuals have signed up to receive text-message updates from AlertsMA.

The Spanish-language text alerts are the latest effort from the Commonwealth to deliver crucial COVID-19 information to non-English speakers. All of Mass.Gov (including Mass.Gov/COVID19) is available in 13 different languages, and the Commonwealth’s non-emergency help line, 2-1-1 is available in over 150 languages. Several agencies, including the Department of Public Health and the Department of Unemployment

Assistance, offer additional fact sheets available in multiple languages.

“It’s crucial that we stay connected with residents throughout our response to this pandemic, and with this expansion of the AlertsMA service, we can better support our Spanish-speaking communities,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders, the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 Command Center Director. “This expansion will help us make sure more residents get crucial guidance from health officials so we can slow and eventually stop the spread of COVID-19.”

The Commonwealth’s Executive Office of Technology Services and Security partnered with Everbridge, a Massachusetts-based company whose platform powers AlertsMA, to initially bring the notification service online. The Commonwealth and Everbridge partnered with UMass Medical School and the Center for Health Impact for Spanish-language translation services.

“During this public health emergency, it is increasingly important that we leverage technology to enhance our ability to communicate with the residents and businesses of the Commonwealth,” said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curtis M. Wood. “I want to thank our partners at Everbridge, UMass Medical School, and the Center for Health Impact for their collaboration and hard work as we launched this important expansion of the AlertsMA system.”

“Working on translations with our team at the Center for Health Impact to meet the needs of our non-English speaking communities is always important, but critical during emergency situations to keep our communities safe and healthy,” said Lisa Morris, Director Cross Cultural Initiatives at UMMS/Commonwealth Medicine.

The Commonwealth will continue to promote the service on Mass.gov, through digital displays and billboards at the MBTA, via MassDOT, and through social media.

Acushnet Fire Chief statement about positive tests for COVID-19 doubling in one week; violating social distancing

"We saw the sun this week! During this crisis, it is humbling to admit that something so routine as a day full of sunshine matters.

With the warmer weather and, hopefully, sunnier days ahead we need to keep focused on social distancing. At this point, no one needs a lecture about the benefits of staying at least 6 feet apart. It works, it will flatten the curve, it is necessary. To violate that simple request jeopardizes our collective recovery.

"Several members of the Fire and Police Department families are assisting the Council on Aging with the delivery of Meals on Wheels. As could be expected two things have happened; the request for meals from homebound seniors has increased and the number of volunteer drivers has decreased.

My biggest take away from my interactions – all from a distance – with these Acushnet residents in need is that they are scared, not frightened, but scared. It can be seen in their eyes. They know they are in a high-risk group and are prone to underlying medical conditions. They are often alone at home watching endless news reports of the crisis. Their interactions with family and friends have been cut off. Usually, when we come across this population they are quick to

talk and relish the visit. Now they barely look at us through small openings in front doors. It is a reminder of the silent damage this crisis is causing to those we hold dear.

“For every public violation of social distancing, the fear experienced by so many will remain. Increased exposure does nothing to flatten the curve but it does a lot to extend the crisis. Covid-19 is here in Acushnet, plain and simple. Our public safety personnel are treating each call in which we need to get within six feet of a person as a possible exposure. We are taking the necessary precautions because we, like you, don’t know who, knowingly or unknowingly, has the virus. We have transported in our ambulances residents who later tested positive. We know that we took all necessary precautions during our time with them. While still scary, there is a measure of comfort knowing we took appropriate precautions and wore the required PPE.

“We can’t always socially distance ourselves but you can, and you must. Now is not the time to let up. Now is the time to double down for the safety of ourselves, our families, friends, and those neighbors who live day to day with fear in their eyes.

“As of today, we have 11 residents in town who have tested positive for Covid-19. That is more than double the amount since last Friday. All are in our thoughts and prayers and we continue to wish for their speedy and complete recovery.”

With hope,
Kevin.”