



To Our Clients:

March 24, 2020

Like you, we have spent the last several weeks learning about coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it's impacting our families, our businesses, our communities, and our way of life.

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone who's been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. We are truly inspired by the kind deeds happening everywhere in our community and also by the selfless healthcare workers around the world who are on the front lines working tirelessly to care for people in need.

Second, since we are all caught in this limbo of daily life continuing on yet with significant changes, we wanted to reach out and update you on federal and state tax filing extensions.

New Federal Extensions

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced recently that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15, 2020 to **July 15, 2020**.

Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, to **July 15, 2020**, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax. Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment extension. This relief also includes estimated tax payments for tax year 2020 that are due on April 15, 2020. Penalties and interest will begin to accrue on any unpaid balances as of July 16, 2020. You will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by July 15.

New California Extensions

The CA Franchise Tax Board is also postponing until **July 15** the filing and payment deadlines for all individuals, trusts, and business entities for 2019, as well as 2020 1st and 2nd quarter estimate payments, 2020 LLC taxes and fees, and 2020 non-wage withholding payments.

Even with the filing deadline extended, we urge taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get your refund, and most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days. Those who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline can request an extension.

This moment reminds us that we're all connected like never before and we're called upon to be our best selves, with patience, understanding, and compassion. We'll be sure to keep you updated if there are any further changes, and please know that we're here if you have any questions.

In an effort to comply with the social distancing mandate, we are limiting appointments to only those which are absolutely necessary. If you have tax documents to submit to us, please mail them to Joseph L. Gray, CPA at P.O. Box 4080, Visalia, CA 93278.