



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

District Health Department #10, in collaboration with the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA), issues the following advisory to protect the health of the public in the 31-county NMPHA region:

Northern Michigan Counties are seeing an influx of individuals who are seeking shelter from areas with significant COVID-19 community spread or returning from travel outside of these counties. While we understand the desire to seek shelter in our communities with fewer COVID cases, this potentially poses an unnecessary risk to all residents of Northern Michigan.

The increased population to the northern Michigan area puts a substantial strain on our communities as travelers seek supplies, such as groceries and toiletries, as well as potentially needing health care in the event they become sick. During this public health crisis, many rural communities may not be equipped with personnel, supplies or resources for a surge in population.

If you still choose to travel to your seasonal home or return home from travel, District Health Department #10, along with the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance, is advising that you abide by the following guidelines:

1. If you are sick, stay at home and do not leave your residence.
2. If you have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider for assistance.
3. All individuals traveling to seasonal homes or returning from winter homes in other states should **self-quarantine for 14 days** upon arrival to your destination.
4. Following the 14-day self-quarantine period, please **obey the Governor's "Stay at Home" order** and do not go out unless absolutely necessary.
5. All residents, whether full time or seasonal, should adhere to the Governor's Stay at Home order and only venture out to obtain essential supplies and services when absolutely necessary. If you do need to go out, please adhere to social distancing protocols and limit the number of people going out for supplies or services.

By following these simple guidelines, the risk for spreading COVID-19 lowers significantly, thus protecting everyone who lives, works, and plays in beautiful northern Michigan.

This advisory will remain in effective until lifted and is endorsed by local public health, local healthcare systems, local law enforcement, and county leadership.

To your health,

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THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT

TAX CHANGES FOR INDIVIDUALS

The CARES Act contains a number of provisions to provide economic relief to individuals, including 2020 Recovery Rebates and tax filing deadline extensions.

RECOVERY REBATES

Who qualifies to receive a check and how much will an individual receive?

Anyone who filed a tax return this year or last year. Individuals receive \$1,200, married couples receive \$2,400, and child dependents (under 17) receive \$500.

What are qualified income levels based off of?

There is no qualified income threshold or requirement to receive the rebate. However, the rebate phases out at a 5 percent rate above adjusted gross incomes of \$75,000 for single filers, \$112,500 for heads of household, and \$150,000 for joint filers.

Can those collecting Social Security or disability receive a check?

Yes, if they filed a tax return this year or last year, or received a form SSA-1099. Otherwise, they need to file a tax return.

Will SSA administer the funds to my EBT/Debit card that I receive my SSA benefits through?

Our understanding is that IRS is sending out the rebates (via direct deposit or checks)

How does an individual claim their check?

They do not need to claim their checks (unless they have not either filed a tax return this year or last year) – IRS will send out rebates automatically to their direct deposit or to the address provided on the last tax return submitted.

How long will it take for this check to be delivered?

Rebates sent via direct deposit will take a few weeks. Rebates sent via checks may take a few months.

Will I be taxed on this check?

No, rebates are not taxable.

Will I be eligible if I haven't finished filing my 2018 taxes?

You need to have filed either a 2018 tax return or a 2019 tax return. If you have not filed either, you will not be eligible. You can file a 2019 tax return now to claim the rebate.



Will I be eligible if I have a lien against me, but I am in non-collect status?

Yes. Rebates will not be subject to garnishment, except if back child support is owed.

I withdrew my retirement in 2018- so my income that year was inflated. Is there any waiver for one time sources of income?

In this case, the taxpayer should file a 2019 tax return.

CHANGES TO TAX FILING

What has changed for income tax filing this year?

The tax filing due date has been extended to July 15, 2020. Tax returns and any income taxes owed will not be due until July 15.

Are there any changes to tax filing for businesses?

The income tax return due date for calendar year corporations has also been extended to July 15, 2020. Tax returns and any income taxes owed will not be due until July 15. Employers can defer paying the employer portion of certain payroll taxes through the end of 2020, with all 2020 deferred amounts due in two equal installments, one at the end of 2021, the other at the end of 2022. Deferral is not provided to employers that avail themselves of SBA 7(a) loans designated for payroll.

If you have any additional questions about the federal resources available, please go to www.peters.senate.gov/coronavirus.