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# **STATE TAX RESPONSE**

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State	Guidance Relief Provisions for COVID-19	<b>Relevant Links</b>
Alabama	The Alabama Commissioner of Revenue has issued a series of orders. On March 18, 2020, the commissioner ordered that late payment penalties are waived for small retail businesses whose monthly retail sales during the previous calendar year averaged \$62,500 or less who are unable to timely pay their February, March, and April 2020 state sales tax liabilities. Late payment penalties will be waived for these taxpayers through June 1, 2020. On March 19, 2020, the commissioner extended this relief to businesses registered as engaging in NAICS Sector 72 activities. Lastly, the Alabama Department of Revenue has waived late payment penalties for state lodgings liabilities due in February, March, and April. The late payment penalties for these periods are waived until June 1, 2020. Note, the Department has not extended return filing deadlines for these periods are waived until June 1, 2020. Note, the Department has not extended return filing and payment for state individual income tax, state corporate income tax, financial institution excise tax (FIET), and business privilege tax (BPT) due on or after April 1, 2020 to July 15, 2020. During this time interest, penalties, and additions to tax are not imposed. Interest, penalties, and additions to tax with respect to postponed Alabama tax filings and payments will begin to accrue on July 16, 2020.  The Alabama Department of Revenue has advised entities submitting a motor fuel excise tax refund to file the petition online through the My Alabama Taxes web portal. If taxpayers cannot use the My Alabama Taxes web portal, taxpayers can submit paper petitions through the Department's Data Exchange Portal at ftp.revenue.alabama.gov.  The Department advised in operational updates on its FAQ page that it will not change withholding requirements for businesses based on employees' temporary telework location within Alabama that is necessitated by the pandemic and related federal or state measures to control its spread. The Department will not consider temporary changes in an employee'	ADOR Responds to the COVID-19 Outbreak  Order of the Commissioner of Revenue (March 18, 2020)  Order of the Commissioner of Revenue (March 19, 2020)  Press Release: ADOR Extends Relief to Lodgings Businesses

	The Department issued <u>quidance</u> related to Governor Kay Ivey's Supplemental Emergency Proclamation wherein it advised proceeds from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that are forgiven are not included in gross income for Alabama corporate income tax purposes, as the tax base starts with federal taxable income. Similarly, the expenses paid with PPP loan proceeds are eligible for deduction as the COVID-19-related Tax Relief Act of 2020 clarified that these amounts are deductible for federal tax purposes.	
Alaska	The Alaska governor has extended the due date for tax returns and payments due March 31, 2020 and April 10, 2020 to July 15, 2020. This order extends the deadline for all taxes other than Oil and Gas Production Tax. See the Department of Revenue's <b>guidance</b> for more information.	Alaska Department of Revenue Deadline Extension Guidance
	The Alaska Department of Revenue has suspended collection and automated levies until July 15, 2020. Further tax payment plans with payments due between March 31, 2020 and July 15, 2020 are suspended. For additional details, see the Department's <a href="mailto:announcement">announcement</a> (April 8, 2020).	Alaska Department of Revenue Announcement (April 8, 2020)
Arizona	The Arizona Department of Revenue extended its individual, corporate, and fiduciary income tax filing and payment due date from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Additionally, income credit claims related to increased excise taxes (Form 140ET) and property tax refund credit (Form 140PTC) are extended to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers must pay at least 90% of their liability by July 15 to avoid the imposition of penalties and interest.	Arizona General Tax Notice, GTN 20-1 (March 24, 2020)  Transaction Privilege
	The deadline for tax year 2020 estimated payments has not changed and is due April 15, 2020.  The Department is working with taxpayers to meeting their transaction privilege tax payment timelines. To request penalty abatement, a taxpayer is required to fill out Arizona Form 290. See the Department's post on its website for more details and the form.	Tax Ruling 20-1
	The Department has issued <u>Transaction Privilege Tax Ruling 20-1</u> wherein it advised the emergency declaration and statewide measures implemented as a response to COVID-19 constitute a reasonable basis for taxpayers' inability to timely file or pay transaction privilege taxes.	
Arkansas	On March 23, 2020, Governor Hutchinson extended the income tax filing and payments for individual taxpayers to July 15, 2020. The deadline for corporate returns and 2020 estimated tax payments have not been changed. See News Release, Arkansas Individual Income Tax April 15 Filing and Payment Deadline Extended to July 15 due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) (March 27, 2020).	Announcement: Majority of Revenue Office Services Available Online
	Further, a majority of Revenue Office services may be completed online. These services include registering and paying sales tax (March 16, 2020).	News Release: Arkansas Individual Income Tax April 15
	The Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration has advised that out-of-state aircrafts temporarily stored in the state due to the COVID-19 emergency will not be subject to Arkansas use tax under the state's temporary storage exemption. See Revenue Legal Counsel Legal Opinion No. 20200415.	Filing and Payment Deadline Extended to July 15 due to

The Arkansas secretary of state has waived late fees and interest charges for annual franchise tax filings due between May 2 and July 15 until July 15, 2020. The waiver applies to the 2020 reporting year. See <a href="Press Release">Press Release</a>, Secretary of State Announces Temporary Waiver of Franchise Tax Late Fees and Interest Charges (March 26, 2020).

The Arkansas Department of Finance and Taxation has advised that stimulus checks received by taxpayers as part of the CARES Act will not be subject to personal income tax. Additionally, federal rebate payments issued under the CARES Act are exempt from Arkansas corporate income tax. Further, the Department has posted guidance related to computing tax year 2020 first quarter estimated payments. See the Department's COVID-19 FAQ for more detail.

The Department has also suspended the requirement for proof of property tax assessment before a motor vehicle can be registered in the state. The suspension is through April 16, 2020. See Press Release, DFA Suspends Requirement to Show Proof of Assessment and Property Tax Paid for Vehicle Registration and Renewal (April 6, 2020).

In <u>Legal Opinion No. 20200327</u>, the Department advised that cleaning and janitorial services used in preventing the spread of COVID-19 are subject to state sales tax.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Press Release:
Secretary of State
Announces Temporary
Waiver of Franchise
Tax Late Fees and
Interest Charges
(March 26, 2020)

Department of Finance and Taxation COVID-19 FAQ

Press Release: DFA
Suspends Requirement
to Show Proof of
Assessment and
Property Tax Paid for
Vehicle Registration
and Renewal

Legal Opinion No. 20200327

### California

In response to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20, the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) postponed filing and payment deadlines to July 15, 2020. In addition, the FTB is waiving interest and late filing and late payment penalties. This extension applies to 2019 tax returns, 2019 tax return payments, 2020 1st and 2nd quarter estimate payments, 2020 LLC taxes and fees, and 2020 non-wage withholding payments. It also applies to informational returns but does not apply to Form 593, Real Estate Withholding Tax Statement. See California FTB Press Release (March 18, 2020). The FTB has also posted an FAQ on its website for COVID-19-related issues, including the state response to the CARES Act.

Through Executive Order N-61-20, Governor Newsom suspended all penalties, costs, and interest for the failure to pay property taxes until May 6, 2021. Further, the tax collector shall cancel penalties, costs, and interest if four conditions are satisfied: (1) the tax is due on residential property occupied by the taxpayer or the tax is due for property owned and operated by a small business, (2) the tax owed was not delinquent prior to March 4, 2020, (3) the taxpayer timely files a claim for relief, and (4) the taxpayer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the tax collector that the taxpayer was suffered economic hardship. The order also states that payments made

News Release:
Governor Newsom
Issues New Executive
Order Further
Enhancing State and
Local Government's
Ability to Respond to
COVID-19 Pandemic
(Published: March 12,
2020) Executive Order
N-25-20

Franchise Tax Board COVID-19 FAO

pursuant to a property tax installment plan shall not be considered delinquent if all payments due before March 4, 2020 were paid.

The FTB has also extended the deadline for a number of filings. Claims for refunds with a due date between March 12, 2020 and July 15, 2020 will be considered timely if filed on or before July 15, 2020. Protests of Notices of Proposed Assessments (NPAs) with a due date between March 12, 2020 and July 15, 2020 will be considered timely filed if filed on or before July 15, 2020. For appeals of Notices of Action (NOAs) filed to the Office of Tax Appeals due between March 12, 2020 and July 15, 2020, the appeal will be considered timely filed if filed on or before July 15, 2020. Petitions for rehearing before the Office of Tax Appeals due between March 12, 2020 and July 15, 2020 will be considered timely filed if filed on or before July 15, 2020. Note, this extension does not supersede the Office of Tax Appeals 60-day extension referenced below. Lastly, the FTB has until July 15, 2020 to issue NPAs for tax with the statute of limitations expiring between March 12, 2020 and July 15, 2020. See FTB Notice 2020-02. The FTB continues to issues NPAs; however, the date on the assessment does not reflect the extended response deadline.

The FTB announced on its <u>FAQ</u> page that it will process individual status letters (FTB 4148) before the postponed 2019 tax return due date of July 15, 2020.

The FTB posted to its <u>website</u> that it will not treat an out-of-state corporation whose only connection to California is the presence of an employee who is currently teleworking in California due to <u>Executive Order N-33-20</u> as being actively engaged in a transaction for the purposes of financial or pecuniary gain or profit. Further, an employee teleworking in California due to <u>Executive Order N-33-20</u> will not be considered an activity extending beyond the protections of P.L. 86-272.

Further, the Office of Tax Appeals (OTA) has granted an automatic 60-day extension to any briefing or other deadline that falls between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020. *See OTA Legal Notice 2020-01*. The OTA has posted a <u>summary</u> of the 60-day extension for various filings.

California passed <u>A1577</u>, which provides an exclusion under personal income tax and corporate income tax for amounts forgiven under the Paycheck Protection Program from gross income. The state also created a small business hiring credit under <u>S1447</u>.

Governor Newsom extended the deadline within which a County Assessment Appeals Board must render a decision to January 21, 2021 for any pending assessment appeal filed with the Board on or before March 4, 2020. See News Release of August 4, 2020.

Additionally, the California Employment Development Department has advised that employers who are experiencing hardship as a result of COVID-19 may request up to a 60-day extension of time from the California EDD to file their state payroll reports and/or deposit payroll taxes without penalty or interest. A written request for extension must be received within 60 days from the original delinquent date of the payment or return. *See* California EDD FAO website.

Executive Order N-25-20

OTA Legal Notice 2020-01

OTA Extension
Summary

State Postpones Tax
Deadlines Until July 15
Due to the COVID-19
Pandemic (March 18,
2020)

California EDD FAQ Website

California Department
of Tax and Fee
Administration COVID19 Website

Press Release: Joint
CSAC/CACTTC
Statement on COVID19 and the April 10
Property Tax Deadline

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), which administers a variety of taxes including sales and use tax, has a number of relief programs in place for taxpayers affected by COVID-19, including an automatic three-month extension for small businesses, a 60-day extension for refunds, requests for relief of penalties and interest, and extension to file returns. The CDTFA announced a 12-month interest-free payment plan of up to \$50,000 for small business taxpayers (less than \$5 million in sales). For more information, see the CDTFA's COVID-19 response site. The CDTFA has provided a chart of extended return and payment due dates.

Governor Newsom announced on November 30, 2020 that the CDFTA will provide automatic an three-month extension for taxpayers filing less than \$1 million in sales tax, and will extend the availability of existing interest and penalty-free payment agreements to companies with up to \$5 million in taxable sales. The CDFTA will provide expanded interest-free payment options for larger businesses particularly affected by significant restrictions on operations based on COVID-19 transmissions. See the announcement.

The California State Controller has postponed the unclaimed property reporting deadlines for life insurance holders and the due date for holders to submit their Remit Reports and Remittances for properties reported on their 2019 Notice Reports. The final filing date for life insurance holders is extended from April 30, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The deadline for 2020 Holder Remit Reports and Remittances for life insurance corporations will be due February 1–15, 2021. *See* Notice to Holders, Unclaimed Property Reporting Dates Postponed for Life Insurance Holders April 2020. The deadline for holders required to remit reports and remittances is extended from June 1, 2020 to August 15, 2020. *See* Notice Final Remit and Remittance Due Date Postponed April 2020.

The California State Association of Counties has issued a statement wherein all California counties will cancel penalties and other charges for missed property tax payments due April 10. See <a href="Press Release">Press Release</a>, Joint CSAC/CACTTC Statement on COVID-19 and the April 10 Property Tax Deadline (April 4, 2020).

### City of San Francisco, California

The San Francisco Office of Treasurer & Tax Collector has deferred business taxes for small businesses. Specifically, "quarterly estimated tax payments of the Gross Receipts Tax, Payroll Expense Tax, Commercial Rents Tax, and Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax that would otherwise be due on April 30, 2020, are waived for taxpayers or combined groups that had combined San Francisco gross receipts in calendar year 2019 of \$10,000,000 or less. These quarterly estimated tax liabilities must instead be paid along with annual tax payments for tax year 2020, which will generally be due by March 1, 2021. These bills are typically mailed in late March, but businesses with 2019 gross receipts of \$10,000,000 or less will receive a letter instead of a bill." See Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector COVID-19 website.

Additionally, the annual license fees collected on behalf of the Department of Public Health, Fire Department, Police Department, Entertainment Commission, and the Office of Cannabis that would otherwise be due on March 31, 2020 are extended to June 30, 2020. Note, per the Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector, "the license bills

COVID-19 Response -Deferral of Business Taxes and License Fees

San Francisco
Announces Measures
to Support Small
Businesses in
Responses to COVID19 (March 11, 2020)

have already been mailed. For businesses that have already received them, our office will be following up with an email and letter confirming the due date change by the end of March. The bills will not be reissued." The San Francisco Office of Treasurer & Tax Collector has extended the deadline for payment of second installments of property taxes from April 10, 2020 to May 15, 2020. See Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector **COVID-19** website. Colorado By executive order, Governor Polis extended the state income tax payments deadline for individuals and **Colorado Department** businesses from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The deadline for tax year 2020 estimated payments is also of Revenue: In-Person extended. See Executive Order D 2020 010, extended by Executive Order D 2020 069. Additionally, the **Services Suspended** Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) has suspended in-person services and its Tax Service Centers are closed for one month. Note, taxpayers who wish to cancel their schedule direct debit payments should email the DOR **Executive Order D** no later than 5:00 pm on April 9, 2020 with "Request Cancellation of Direct Debit Payment" in the subject line. 2020 010 See the DOR's website for more information. **Executive Order D** The governor has also suspended filing deadlines for taxes imposed on business personal property, taxable 2020 022 natural resource property, and taxable oil and gas property. See Executive Order D 2020 022 and extended to May 31, 2020 by Executive Order D 2020 055 and extended to June 29, 2020 through Executive Order **Executive Order D** D 2020 089, and further extended to August 26, 2020 by Executive Order D Executive Order D 2020 055 2020 089 has been extended an additional 30 days to July 28, 2020. However, the order's reference to taxable **Executive Order D** natural resource mining and taxable oil and gas property has been removed because the relevant filing date 2020 23 extensions have expired. See Executive Order D 2020 121. **Executive Order D** Additionally, the governor has ordered an extension for the filing and remittance of state and local sales tax from 2020 057 April 20, 2020 to May 2020. See Executive Order D 2020 23 and extended to May 20, 2020 by Executive Order D 2020 057. **Executive Order D** 2020 069 The DOR has updated its return due date matrix to include guidance that Form D0525 (Annual Report of Public Utility Intrastate Gross Operating Revenue) must be postmarked by May 15, 2020 or electronically filed **Colorado Department** by June 1, 2020. of Revenue: Alternative Service of The DOR has also suspended statutory requirements of the International Fuel Tax Agreement for any motor **Process** vehicle engaged in interstate disaster relief. The suspension is effective March 27, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The annual severance tax for the tax year ending December 31, 2019 and due April 15, 2020 has been extended to **Colorado Department** May 15, 2020. The extension also applies to the estimated payment due April 15. The Department has also of Revenue: advised that taxpayers can arrange monthly installment agreements for business taxes by calling **Nonresident Disaster** +1.303.866.3711 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. See the DOR COVID-19 response page **Relief Worker** for more details. **Exemption/Subtraction** 

The DOR has posted guidance to its website related to income earned by nonresidents performing emergency relief services during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Employers should not withhold on wages paid to

nonresident emergency relief workers working in Colorado during the COVID-19 state of emergency. See the Denver Department of DOR's post on its website for details.

**Finance COVID-19** response website

The DOR has advised that due to the DOR office closures, there are no staff available to accept legal documents. To serve the DOR with legal documents, send a request of personal service to alexandra.prichard@state.co.us and include a waiver form for acceptance of the service and the legal documents that need to be served. See the Department's website for more information.

The DOR published quidance on the state's conformity to the CARES Act. Colorado conforms to the Internal Revenue Code on a rolling basis but does not incorporate federal statutory changes that are enacted after the last day of a tax year. Therefore, federal statutory changes enacted after the end of a tax year do not impact taxpayer's Colorado tax liability for that tax year. In general, amended returns reporting CARES Act adjustments for tax years ending before March 27, 2020 should not be filed unless the original return reflected federal adjustments allowed by the act.

Colorado passed House Bill 1420, which decouples from certain provisions of the CARES Act. For tax year 2020, taxpayers must add back net operating loss deductions computed under Section 2303 of the CARES Act. Taxpayers must also add back the amount of a taxpayer's business interest expense deduction that exceeds the allowed deduction under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).

Denver, Colorado: The Denver Department of Finance has waived its 15% late payment penalty for late payment of February and March sales, use, and occupational privilege taxes due between March 20, 2020 and April 20, 2020. The return must be filed and funds remitted within 30 days of the due date. For more information see the DOR's website.

### Connecticut

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Service has extended a number of state tax filings. The new filing dates and payment deadlines for those returns which are normally due on or after March 15 are set forth below:

- 2019 Form CT-1065/CT-1120 SI Connecticut Pass-Though Entity Tax Return filing date extended to April 15, 2020; payment deadline extended to July 15, 2020
- 2019 Form CT-990T Connecticut Unrelated Business Income Tax Return filing date extended to June 15, 2020; payment deadline extended to July 15, 2020
- 2019 Form CT-1120 and CT-1120CU Connecticut Corporation Business Return filing date extended to June 15, 2020; payment deadline extended to July 15, 2020

Further, the filing and payment deadline for personal income tax returns is extended to July 15, 2020. The extension also applies to estimated income tax payments for the first and second quarters of tax year 2020. See the Department's COVID-19 FAQ Response page for more details.

The Department has also extended the filing and payment deadline for sales tax returns as well as room occupancy tax returns. Taxpayers with annual sales of \$150,000 or less for the period of January 1, 2019 to

**Connecticut Department of Revenue Services FAO** 

**Press Release: State Extends Filing and Payment Deadlines for Sales Tax and Room Occupancy Tax** 

**Press Release: DRS Issues Waiver of** Certain International **Fuel Tax Agreement** Requirements

December 31, 2019 can extend monthly returns and payments due March 31, 2020 and April 30, 2020 to May **Press Release: Priority** 31, 2020. Further, quarterly returns due April 30 are extended to May 31, 2020. See Press Release, State **One Taxpaver Assistance Program** Extends Filing and Payment Deadlines for Sales Tax and Room Occupancy Tax (March 30, 2020). Additionally, the Department has extended the deadline to file and pay gift tax returns from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The estate tax filing has not been extended. First and second quarter estimated tax payments due by fiduciaries for tax year 2020 have been extended to July 15, 2020. See the Department's online FAO for more details. The Department has also suspended certain requirements related to the International Fuel Tax Agreement for those motor vehicles transporting emergency relief supplies into the state. See Press Release, DRS Issues Waiver of Certain International Fuel Tax Agreement Requirements (March 30, 2020). The Department has extended the 60-day period for filing a protest of a notice of assessment by an additional 90 days. Additionally, the 30-day requirement to file a tax appeal has been suspended. This applies to appeals required to be filed after March 19, 2020. See Announcement 2020(7). The Department has also created the Priority One Taxpayer Assistance Program in an effort to assist taxpayers who cannot meet payment deadlines due to COVID-19. Any taxpayer who is the subject of a payment plan, bank warrant, wage execution, or other levy by the Department and needs relief or assistance because of the impact of COVID-19 can contact the Department directly to speak to a tax professional. The program has a dedicated hotline: +1.860.541.7650. Taxpayers can also email DRSPriorityOne CollectionsAssist@po.state.ct.us for quidance. See Press Release, Priority One Taxpayer Assistance Program (April 17, 2020). The Department has issued guidance on the state's conformity to the CARES Act. Economic stimulus checks are not subject to tax by the state. Further, forgiven indebtedness from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is not included in Connecticut taxable income. The CARES Act does not change NOL usage in the state. See Office of the Commissioner Guidance Regarding the Connecticut Tax Implications of the CARES Act. Delaware The Delaware Division of Revenue has extended the filing deadline for personal income tax returns to July 15, **Technical Information** 2020. Further corporate returns that are due April 15, 2020 are extended to July 15, 2020. Estimated personal Memorandum 2020-1 income tax payments due April 30, 2020 are extended to June 15, 2020. Fiduciary income tax returns due April 30, 2020 are extended to July 15, 2020. See Technical Information Memorandum 2020-1. All Division of **Delaware Division of** Revenue public service offices are closed and in-person services are discontinued until further notice. The Division Revenue FAO re: is currently updating its computer systems to reflect the new due dates. Taxpayers should disregard any notices Personal Income Tax for tax year 2019 with original due dates. The Division has posted an FAQ to its website for inquiries related to personal income tax.

# District of Columbia

The Council of the District of Columbia enacted the Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (Act), which granted power to the DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) to abate interest and waive penalties for sales and use tax for periods ending on February 29, 2020 and March 31, 2020. Therefore, the OTR will waive interest and penalties for failure to timely pay sales and use tax for both monthly and quarterly filers. *See* OTR Notice 2020-02. Further, the Act extended the tax year 2020 first half-year installment payment due date for real property tax for hotels and motels. A hotel or motel may pay its first half-tax year 2020 real property tax installment through June 30, 2020, and such payment made by such date shall be timely, to the extent it brings the tax liability current. Penalty and interest owed for prior periods are unaffected by the Act. No payment may be designated to a particular period. Further, a hotel or motel may not benefit from penalty and interest tax relief relating to sales and use taxes. *See* OTR Notice 2020-01.

Additionally, the OTR has extended the deadline for filing first level real property tax assessment appeals to May 15, 2020. Additionally, the deadline for filing an exempt property annual use report is May 15, 2020. The deadline for filing an income and expense report is extended to June 1, 2020. Payments due March 31, 2020 have not been extended.

Further, on March 23, 2020 the DC mayor extended the deadline for taxpayers to file and pay their 2019 DC individual and fiduciary income tax returns (D-40, D-41, D-40B), partnership tax returns (D-65), and franchise tax returns (D-20, D-30) from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. See News Release, Mayor Bowser and Chief Financial Officer DeWitt Announce 2019 Tax Filings and Payment Deadline Extended to July 15, 2020 (March 23, 2020). Additionally, the OTR has issued further guidance in Notice 2020-03.

The due dates for tax year 2020 estimated tax payments have not been extended. *See News Release*, District of Columbia Estimated Tax Payment Deadlines Remain Unchanged (March 26, 2020)

The OTR has released guidance providing that it will not assert corporate franchise tax or unincorporated business tax nexus on taxpayers based solely on the presence of employees or property temporarily working remotely in the district during the public emergency declared by the DC mayor and for 90 days after the end of the public emergency. *See* **Notice 2020-05**.

The District of Columbia enacted the Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (<u>Act 23-326</u>), which consolidates and amends previously enacted COVID-19 response legislation. The Act, among other relief actions, excludes proceeds of small business loans awarded under the federal CARES Act from inclusion in District gross income.

The OTR has issued an <u>FAQ</u> instructing taxpayers on available sales and use tax relief. OTR can abate penalties and interest.

In Notice <u>2020-07</u>, the Department stated it will not impose corporate franchise tax nexus or unincorporated business franchise tax nexus solely based on the presence of employees or property temporarily located in the

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Real Property Tax
Payment Option

**OTR Notice 2020-01** 

**OTR Notice 2020-02** 

Press Release: Mayor
Bowser and Chief
Financial Officer
DeWitt Announce 2019
Tax Filings and
Payment Deadline
Extended to July 15,
2020 (March 23, 2020)

Notice 2020-03
News Release: District
of Columbia Estimated
Tax Payment Deadlines
Remain Unchanged
(March 26, 2020)

Notice 2020-05

District during the declared public emergency. The Department will not impose nexus during the public emergency and up to 90 days after the emergency has ended. Florida Per the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) website, the Florida DOR is monitoring developments pertaining Florida Department of to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and is following guidance from federal and state officials. To that end, the DOR Revenue has established a dedicated team to address tax-related issues pertaining to COVID-19 and has created an email address, COVID19TAXHELP@FloridaRevenue.com, where you can share your questions and concerns. Florida Department of Note, all DOR offices in Florida are closed to the public. **Revenue Order of Emergency Waiver 20-**The DOR has extended the February and March reporting deadlines for sales and use tax, tourist development 52-DOR-002 tax, solid waste fees (including new tire fee, lead-acid battery fee, dry cleaning gross receipts, and rental car surcharge), and prepaid wireless E911 fees. The February reporting deadline is extended to March 31. The March Florida Department of reporting deadline is extended to April 30. See the Florida DOR's Order of Emergency Waiver 20-52-DOR-**Revenue Order of** 002. The DOR has also posted an FAQ. Additionally, the DOR has extended the date to pay property taxes from **Emergency Waiver 20-**March 31, 2020 to April 15, 2020. See Order of Emergency Waiver 20-52-DOR-001. 52-DOR-001 The DOR has extended corporate income tax payments and returns as follows: Florida Department of **Revenue FAO** • For taxpayers with fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 and due date of May 1, 2020, the deadline to **Order of Emergency** file is extended to August 3, 2020. **Waiver/Deviation** • For taxpayers with fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 and due date of May 1, 2020, the deadline to Order 20-52-DOR-003 make payments is extended to June 1, 2020. For taxpavers with fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the deadline to submit a request for extension. to file return is June 1, 2020. For taxpayers with fiscal year ending January 31, 2020 and due date of June 1, 2020, the deadline to file is extended to August 3, 2020. • For taxpayers with fiscal year ending January 31, 2020 and due date of June 1, 2020, the deadline to make payments remains June 1, 2020. For taxpayers with fiscal year ending February 29, 2020 and due date of July 1, 2020, the deadline to file is extended to August 3, 2020. • For taxpayers with fiscal year ending February 29, 2020 and due date of July 1, 2020, the deadline to make payments remains July 1, 2020. See Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation Order 20-52-DOR-003. The Department has released its FAQ related to COVID-19 and the impact on property taxes. The FAQ addresses taxpayer questions regarding payment plans, due dates, and extensions.

### The Georgia Department of Revenue has extended the April 15, 2020 income tax filing and payment deadline to Georgia **Press Release: Georgia** July 15, 2020. See Press Release, Georgia Income Tax and Tag Renewal Deadlines Extended (March 25, 2020). Income Tax and Tag The extension also applies to estimated income tax payments due April 15, 2020. Additionally, the statute of **Renewal Deadlines** limitations for refund claims that would have expired between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 has been **Extended** extended to July 15, 2020. See the Department's FAO for more details. Vehicle registrations that expire between March 16, 2020 and May 14, 2020 are extended through May 15, 2020. **Georgia Department of Revenue FAO** The Department also issued informal guidance on its FAQ instructing taxpayers that the Department will not use the presence of workers temporarily in the state due to COVID-19 as a basis for establishing nexus in the state. **Georgia Department of** Further, wages paid to employees temporarily in the state due to COVID-19 will not be considered wages earned **Labor Website** in Georgia and therefore employers are not required to withhold Georgia taxes on these wages. These two measures apply during a period when an official stay-at-home order is in place by the relevant government **H486** authority or when an employee is ordered to stay at home by a physician. See the Department's FAQ. The Georgia Department of Labor has mandated that employers are required to file partial unemployment claims on behalf of their employees whenever it is necessary to temporarily reduce work hours or there is not work available for a short period. Any employer found to be in violation of the rule will be required to reimburse the Department for the full amount of unemployment insurance benefits paid to the employee. Employers can find information on how to file these claims at the Department's website. Georgia has decoupled from the net operating loss and business expense limitation provisions of the CARES Act. *See* **H486**. The Hawaii Department of Revenue has extended various tax filing and tax payment deadlines. Individual and Hawaii **Department of** corporate income tax returns due between April 20, 2020 and June 20, 2020 are now due July 20, 2020. This **Taxation** extension only applies to the 2019 tax year and does not apply to tax year 2020 estimated income tax payments. Announcement No. 2020-01 Interest, penalties, and additions to tax are waived for the period of April 20, 2020 to July 20, 2020. Interest, penalties, and additions for any unpaid amounts due will accrue on July 21, 2020. See Department of Taxation Announcement No. 2020-01. **Department of Taxation, Tax** The Department has advised that it will generally follow federal tax treatment of economic relief programs. **Information Release** Economic Impact Payments and loan proceeds from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic No. 2020-02 Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, including loan advances of \$10,000, are not subject to Hawaii income tax. Forgiven PPP loans are not subject to Hawaii income tax. Unemployment compensation paid to employees and State of Hawaii the loan proceeds from PPP and EIDL are not subject to the Hawaii general excise tax. Payments received under **Department of** the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation **Taxation** (FPUC) program are subject to Hawaii income tax. See Department of Taxation, Tax Information Release No. 2020-06.

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Idaho	The Idaho governor has extended the 2019 Idaho income tax filing and payment deadlines for April 15, 2020	<u>Idaho Department of</u>
	to June 15, 2020. The extension applies to both individuals, businesses, and entities. Penalty and interest will not apply. The deadline for property tax relief programs has also been extended from April 15 to June 15. See the Idaho Department of Revenue <u>FAQ</u> page for more information.	Revenue FAQ
Illinois	The Illinois Department of Revenue issued <u>Informational Bulletin FY 2020-23</u> to all registered Illinois retailers operating eating and drinking establishments. The Department is waiving all penalties and interest that would have been imposed on sales tax payments for qualified taxpayers. Eligible taxpayers are taxpayers who operate eating and drinking establishments that incurred a total sales tax liability of less than \$75,000 in calendar year 2019. Qualified taxpayers will not be charged penalties or interest on late payments for payments that are due in the February, March and April 2020 reporting periods. For most qualified taxpayers, the Department will automatically waive penalties and interest, but if a taxpayer thinks they received a notice from the Department owing interest and penalties, in error, then the taxpayer can respond to the notice with a waiver request. Taxpayers must still file Form ST-1 for each reporting period. Taxpayers must pay their liabilities due in March, April, and May 2020, for liabilities reported on Form ST-1, as follows: 1/4 of the liability for February, March, and April 2020 reporting periods is due May 20, 2020; 1/4 of the liability for February, March, and April 2020 reporting periods is due June 22, 2020; 1/4 of the liability for February, March, and April 2020 reporting periods is due August 20, 2020; and 1/4 of the liability for the February, March, and April 2020 reporting periods is due August 20, 2020.	
	Additionally, the income tax filing and payment deadline for all taxpayers who pay their Illinois income taxes on April 15, 2020 has been extended to July 15, 2020. This extension applies to individual returns, trusts, and corporations. The deadline for Illinois partnership return filings and payments have not been extended. Penalties and interest will accrue on any unpaid balances on July 16, 2020. The extension does not apply to estimated payments for tax year 2020 due on April 15 and June 15. See Informational Bulletin FY 2020-24. The Department has issued guidance on computing 2020 estimated income taxes in light of not having filed a 2019 income tax return. See Informational Bulletin FY 2020-26.	Informational Bulletin FY 2020-26  Illinois Department of Revenue: Cancel or Reschedule a 2019 Income Tax Return Electronic Payment
	In <u>Informational Bulletin FY 2020-29</u> , the Department advised that an out-of-state employer may be required to withhold Illinois income tax for Illinois resident employees who perform normal work duties in Illinois for more than 30 working days. The Department will waive penalties and interest for employers that fail to withhold Illinois income taxes for Illinois employees where the sole reason for the Illinois withholding obligation is that the employee is working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Illinois Department of Revenue: Notice of Penalty and Interest Relief for IFTA Regarding COVID-19
	Taxpayers who wish to cancel or reschedule electronic income tax payments scheduled for April 15, 2020 can do so through either MyTax Illinois or their banking institutions, or by emailing the Department at <a href="mailto:rev.taxpay@illinois.gov">rev.taxpay@illinois.gov</a> . For more details see the Department's <a href="mailto:website">website</a> .	Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
	The Illinois Department of Revenue has relieved distillers of their tax liability for alcohol used to produce hand sanitizer. Distillers are subject to tax based on the amount and strength of alcohol used in distillation. The	Press Release: Additional Taxpayer

Department has issued guidance to distillers on how to claim a tax deduction for alcohol purchased for the production of hand sanitizer.

Relief for Businesses
Impacted by COVID-19

The Illinois legislature passed House Bill 2682, which provides that late filing fees will not apply and liquor license fees are deferred for a liquor license holder whose business or business operations have been suspended in any capacity due to the March 16, 2020 executive order or subsequent orders. The waiver will remain in effect for six months after the latest of (1) the day on which the region enters Phase 4 of the state's reopening plan, (2) the day after the expiration of the latest executive order that limits or interrupts the taxpayer's business operations, and (3) the day after the expiration of any rules issued by the Department of Public Health that limits or interrupts the taxpayer's business operations.

The legislature has also passed <u>SB 685</u>, which allows counties with fewer than 3 million inhabitants to provide waiver of interest and penalties for late property taxes.

The Department has waived penalties and interest through May 26, 2020 for late-filed first quarter International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) returns due April 30, 2020. See the Department's **Notice** for more information.

The Illinois Board of Appeals has extended the expiration date of Illinois Sales Tax exemption (E) numbers set to expire during calendar year 2020 to December 31, 2020. This is an automatic extension. *See* <u>Informational</u> <u>Bulletin FY 2020-33</u>.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has extended the deadline for EDGE credit applications to June 1, 2020. See the DCEO website for more information.

Important Notice, Attorney General's Office: The Illinois Attorney General issued an important notice that, due to closures related to COVID-19, estates with returns and payments due between March 16, 2020, and April 15, 2020, will receive a 30-day extension for filing and payment. An extension of time to pay does not waive or abate statutory interest. Payments must be sent to the Illinois State Treasurer, using a fillable form to make payment of the Illinois Estate Tax, which can be downloaded from the Treasurer's website. Staff may not be available to receive returns in person at the Springfield office. Taxpayers filing returns in Chicago should use the James R Thompson Center through the Lake Street entrance; however, taxpayers are encouraged to file returns and extension requests by mail. Cook, DuPage, Lake, and McHenry counties should file with the Chicago office, and all other counties should file with the Springfield office. (March 18, 2020)

Chicago, Illinois: The City of Chicago has extended due dates for tax payments for the following types of tax: bottled water tax, checkout bag tax, amusement tax, hotel accommodation tax, restaurant tax, parking tax. The extended due dates are as follows:

- July 2019–February 2020 due July 15, 2020
- March and April 2020 due August 17, 2020
- May and June 2020 due September 15, 2020

	<ul> <li>July and August 2020 due October 15, 2020</li> <li>September 2020 due November 16, 2020</li> </ul>	
	See the Department of Finance's announcement on its website.	
	The City of Chicago Department of Finance has clarified that the city's restaurant tax applies to the selling price of all food and beverages sold including any additional surcharges assessed by the restaurant. See the Department's <a href="News Release">News Release</a> for more guidance.	
Indiana	The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) has extended deadlines for individual tax returns and payments, as well as estimated payments, from April 15, 2020 to on or before July 15, 2020. Returns included are the IT-40, IT40PNR, IT-40RNR, IT-40ES, ES-40, and SC-40. Corporate tax returns and payments, along with estimated payments originally due by April 15 or April 20, are now due on or before July 15, 2020. Those originally due on May 15, 2020 are now due on August 17, 2020. Returns included are the IT-20, IT-41, IT-65, IT-205, FIT-20, URT-1, IT-6, FT-QP and URT-Q. All other tax return filings and payment due dates remain unchanged. Note, if an individual requests a federal extension, Indiana automatically extends the state deadline and there is no need to file anything additional. See Press Release, DOR Announces Filing and Payment Extensions (March 19, 2020).  The May 11, 2020 deadline for property taxes has not been extended. However, counties must waive penalties for payments made for the period beginning on May 12 and 60 days thereafter. See Executive Order 20-21.  The Indiana governor has ordered the suspension of the deadline for submitting property tax exemption applications from April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. See Executive Order 20-12.  The DOR has also announced that manufacturers making donations of medicine, medical supplies, or other eligible items for efforts in combating COVID-19 will not incur a use tax for those items. The use tax waiver also applies to groups and organizations making donations. Taxpayers must request a waiver from the DOR by emailing COVID19donations@dor.in.gov. For a full list of eligible items, see the DOR's announcement.  The DOR has also advised that the presence of temporary remote workers in the state during the COVID-19 pandemic will not impact a company's nexus determination. This applies during the period where (1) there is an official work-from-home order issued by an applicable federal, state, or local government unit, or (2) pursuant to the order of a physician in	Press Release: DOR Announces Filing and Payment Extensions  Executive Order 20-21 Executive Order 20-12  Announcement: Indiana DOR Waiving Tax on Donated COVID-19 Supplies  Indiana DOR COVID-19 Response Website
Iowa	The Iowa Department of Revenue has extended the filing and payment deadline for several state tax types, including income tax. The filing and payment deadlines for income, franchise, and moneys and credits taxes with a due date on or after March 19, 2020 and before July 31, 2020 are extended to July 31, 2020.	Press Release: Iowa to Extend Filing and Payment Deadlines for Income Tax and Other
	Specifically, the filings and any associated tax payments for the below listed returns are extended:	

- IA 1040 Individual Income Tax Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1040C Composite Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1041 Fiduciary Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1120 Corporation Income Tax Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1120F Franchise Tax Return for Financial Institutions and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1065 Iowa Partnership Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- IA 1120S S Corporation Return and all supporting forms and schedules
- Credit Union Moneys and Credits Tax Confidential Report

No late filing or underpayment penalties will be assessed for qualifying taxpayers who comply with the extended filing and payment deadlines. Interest on unpaid taxes is due beginning on August 1, 2020. The extension does not apply to estimated tax payments. The Department has offered conditional penalty relief for taxpayers required to make tax year 2020 estimated payments for individual, corporate, or franchise taxes with a due date on or after July 31, 2020. See Order 2020-23 for penalty waiver qualifications.

See <u>Press Release</u>, Iowa to Extend Filing and Payment Deadline for Income Tax and Other Tax Types (March 19, 2020).

Iowa has extended first quarter unemployment tax payments due April 30, 2020 to July 31, 2020. Eligible employers are those with 50 or fewer employees. To qualify for the extension the employer must be current on all previous quarterly tax payments. No interest or penalties will accrue during the extension period. *See* Press Release, Gov. Reynolds Announces Unemployment Insurance Tax Extension to Assist Small Businesses (March 23, 2020).

On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which temporarily suspended imposition of penalties and interest on certain property tax payments. The proclamation expires on July 25, 2020 and is not expected to be extended. If a taxpayer has an outstanding liability and the proclamation expires on July 25, 2020, interest for the entire month of July would accrue on July 26, 2020. *See* the Department's <u>FAQ</u>, Property Tax, for more information. The <u>Proclamation</u> has been extended for an additional 30 days, expiring August 23, 2020.

The Department also issued guidance regarding the state's conformity to the CARES Act. Iowa has not conformed with any federal tax changes to the extent they apply to a tax year beginning prior to January 1, 2020. Iowa generally conforms with tax provisions of the CARES Act to the extent they affect Iowa income taxes for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. Economic impact payments are not subject to Iowa income tax. See the Department's website for more information.

Iowa passed <u>House File 2641</u> and as a result decouples from GILTI for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019 and decouples from IRC § 163(j) for tax years beginning January 1, 2020. The legislation also contains

<u>Tax Types (March 19, 2020)</u>

Order 2020-23

Press Release: Gov.
Reynolds Announces
Unemployment
Insurance Tax
Extension to Assist
Small Businesses
(March 23, 2020)

	conformity to Section 1106(j) of the CARES Act, which excludes loans forgiven under the PPP, meaning amounts forgiven under PPP are not subject to Iowa income tax.  Additionally, the Department has advised that while Iowa's state of emergency in response to COVID-19, or a similar declared state of emergency in the state where a worker normally worked prior to COVID-19, remains in effect, the Department will not consider the presence of one or more employees working remotely from within Iowa solely due to COVID-19 pandemic, by itself, sufficient business activity within the state to establish Iowa corporate income tax nexus. Further, the Department does not consider the presence of non-sales employees due to COVID-19 sufficient, by itself, to cause a corporation to lose the protections of Public Law 86-272. See the Department's COVID-19 FAQ page for more details.  The Department has extended Executive Order 2020-04, which extends payment deadlines for sales tax and individual income withholding that fall on or after August 27, 2020 but before October 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020. See the Department's announcement.	
Kansas	The Kansas Department of Revenue has extended the filing deadline for tax year 2019 homestead or property tax relief refund claims from April 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020. The filing and payment due date for individual income tax, fiduciary income tax, corporate income tax, and privilege tax has been extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Penalty and interest will not accrue during the extension period. The due date for fiscal year filers with filing and payment due dates falling between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 has been extended to July 15, 2020. See Notice 20-01.  Further, the Department will waive penalties and interest for tax year 2020 first quarter estimated payments made after April 15, 2020 but on or before July 2020. See Notice 20-02.  All Kansas Department of Revenue Offices are closed from March 23, 2020 to April 6, 2020.  Through Executive Order 20-22 and extended in Executive Order 20-33, Executive Order 20-44 and Executive Order 20-45 the governor has suspended licensing, certification, and permitting rules for motor carriers and persons operating commercial vehicles that are participating in COVID-19 relief efforts. Further registration and fuel tax permits are temporarily suspended. The temporary suspension is in place until the earlier of July 14, 2020 or the end of the statewide disaster declaration.	Notice 20-01  Notice 20-02  Executive Order 20-22  Executive Order 20-33  Executive Order 20-44  Executive Order 20-45
Kentucky	The Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) has extended the 2019 Kentucky personal income tax return filing due date from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Late filing penalties are waived for 2019 Kentucky personal income returns that are filed by July 15, 2020. In addition, Kentucky personal income tax payments due on April 15, 2020 are deferred for 90 days to July 15, 2020. Late payment penalties will be waived for income tax payments deferred from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. However, interest applies to the deferred income tax payments because Kentucky law prohibits the waiver of interest. See Press Release, Kentucky Income Tax Return Filing Date Extended to July 15 (March 22, 2020).	Press Release: Kentucky Income Tax Return Filing Date Extended to July 15 (March 22, 2020)

Per informal guidance from the DOR, the corporate income tax filing and payment deadline will be extended to July 15, 2020 as part of recent legislation passed on March 30, 2020. The DOR will issue guidance shortly. Additionally, the filing date for business personal property tax returns has been extended to July 15, 2020. See the DOR's COVID-19 response page for updates.

Kentucky DOR's
COVID-19 Response
Website

The DOR has updated its <u>COVID-19 FAQ page</u> to include the state's conformity to the CARES Act. Currently the state does not conform to NOL carryback provisions and business expense limitation modifications included in the CARES Act. Forgiven indebtedness provided by the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is excluded from Kentucky taxable income.

Also posted to its FAQ, the DOR has advised that nexus determinations based on employees in the state due to COVID-19 restrictions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

The Kentucky DOR has suspended all in-person services. The DOR has also suspended all collections actions.

# Revenue Information Bulletin No. 20-008: Tax Return Extensions and Other Matters Related to COVID-19 (March 19, 2020)

### Louisiana

The Louisiana Department of Revenue (DOR) has extended February 2020 sales tax returns and payments that were due on March 20, 2020 to May 20, 2020. This is an automatic extension and no extension request is necessary. The DOR will waive delinquency penalties and compromise interest associated with delinquent sales tax remittances as long as the return and payment are received by the extended due date of May 20, 2020. Taxpayers may disregard collection notices sent by the DOR for February 2020 sales tax returns. See Revenue Information Bulletin No. 20-008. Additionally, the DOR will grant automatic penalty waivers to sales tax filers for March and April 2020 sales tax returns (due April 20 and May 20 respectfully). The DOR will waive penalties if taxpayers remit and pay March and April sales tax and any deficiency interest by June 30. If a taxpayer is unable to remit sales tax and any deficiency interest by June 30, penalty relief will be granted if the taxpayer submits and enters into an Installment Request for Business Taxes, Form R-19027. For the March 2020 sales tax period, the DOR has sent self-assessment bills to taxpayers who filed returns but did not remit payment. Taxpayers are not required to pay penalties due on the notice if the tax and interest is remitted by June 30, 2020. See Revenue Information Bulletin 20-012.

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**Revenue Ruling 20-002** 

**Revenue Information Bulletin No. 20-011** 

**Statewide Advisory 02- 2020** 

Further, the prescription of all tax assessments is suspended until April 13, 2020. The suspension for prescription is applicable to (1) the time delay for a taxpayer's petition to appeal for redetermination of an assessment with the Louisiana Board of Tax Appeals and (2) for time delays for appeals in Louisiana courts filed by taxpayers and the DOR. The Louisiana DOR has also granted automatic extension for all outstanding audit or litigation matters and will not issue formal assessments on audited accounts until April 13, 2020. See Revenue Information Bulletin No. 20-008.

Additionally, the DOR has extended partnership, individual, corporate, and fiduciary income tax returns and payments to July 15, 2020. Penalties and interest will not be assessed during the extension period. See Revenue Information Bulletin No. 20-009.

Due to a network issue, the DOR has extended filing and payments due July 15, 2020 to July 17, 2020. *See* **Information Bulletin No. 20-014**.

Further, the DOR announced that underpayment estimated tax penalties are waived for tax year 2020 first and second quarter payments due April 15 and June 15, respectively. Penalties will be waived if the taxpayer meets the following criteria:

- The taxpayer pays the April 15 and June 15, 2020 declaration payments timely.
- The amount paid on the April 15, 2020 declaration payment is at least 90% of the amount paid on the April 15, 2019 declaration payment.
- The amount paid on the June 15, 2020 declaration payment is at least 90% of the amount paid on the June 17, 2019 declaration payment.

Late-filed elections will be considered timely if filed before July 16, 2020. The deadline to transfer tax credits for income and franchise tax return due between March 1, 2020 and May 30, 2020 is extended for a period of 30 days. See Revenue Ruling 20-002.

The DOR has extended the deadline for the February 2020 monthly oil and gas severance tax return, payment, and report from April 25, 2020 to June 25, 2020. This is an automatic extension and no penalties or interest will accrue during the extension period. **Revenue Information Bulletin No. 20-011**.

See the DOR's chart listing all extended tax due dates.

The Louisiana Tax Commission has suspended all property tax appeal hearings. The commission will meet telephonically to consider change requests, tax sale cancellations, and other similar matters. The deadline to file personal property renditions has been extended from April 1, 2020 to April 13, 2020. Additionally, the deadline for public service companies to file annual reports has been extended from April 1, 2020 to April 13, 2020. *See* the Commission's **Statewide Advisory 02-2020**.

In <u>Proclamation 59</u>, and renewed in <u>Proclamation 75</u>, Governor Edwards suspended all legal deadlines applicable to legal proceedings in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards until June 15, 2020. All other deadlines in legal proceedings in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards are suspended until June 15, 2020. In addition to several laws, this extension applies to the Louisiana Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, and Title 47, Revenue and Taxation. Liberative prescriptive and preemptive periods applicable to legal proceedings in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards are suspended through July 5, 2020.

The DOR is resuming in-person services and has implemented a number of protocols to protect employees and visitors alike. All visitors and employees will have their temperature checked before entry. Employees are required to wear masks and visitors are asked to wear masks as well. Strict social distancing will be observed in all customer service areas. See the Department's **News Release** for more details.

Effective July 1, 2020, <u>House Bill 37 (Act 31)</u> authorizes the DOR to waive all penalties and interest for the late filing of any tax return or payment of any 2019 and 2020 tax due, with an original due date between March 11 and July 15, 2020 for filers whose health, or that of their tax preparers, was affected by COVID-19. To claim the penalty and interest waiver, the taxpayer must retain documentation as evidence of the impact of COVID-19 on the taxpayer or taxpayer's preparer that will be provided at the request of the DOR.

Louisiana has created a Frontline Workers COVID-19 Hazard Pay Rebate Program. This program offers a one-time hazard pay rebate of \$250 to any essential critical infrastructure worker who (1) submits an application to the state between July 15 and October 31, (2) is a Louisiana resident with adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less, (3) on or after March 11, 2020 was employed in one of the jobs listed as an Eligible Jobs category, and (4) was required to provide in-person services outside of the applicant's home. For additional details see the Department's posted FAQ. The list of Eligible Job categories is provided in Revenue Information Bulletin 20-020.

### Maine

Maine Revenue Services has suspended in-person services. The office has also limited its hours for telephone assistance to 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM ET.

Maine Revenue Services has extended the deadline for income tax payments and filings (Form 1040ME, Form 1041ME, Form 1120B-ME) from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The extension applies to final and first quarter estimated Maine income and franchise tax payments. Second quarter estimated payments due June 15, 2020 are also extended to July 15, 2020. Payment and filing deadlines for all other tax types, including Maine sales tax and income tax withholding, remain unchanged. See Maine Tax Alert March 2020 No. 3; Maine Tax Alert April 2020 No. 5. Maine Revenue Services has provided an FAQ for various extensions page on its website.

Maine Revenue Services has automatically extended the filing deadline for corporate taxpayers in Maine an extension from October 15, 2020 to November 16, 2020. See <u>Maine Tax Alert October 2020 No. 18</u>.

The deadline for Maine sales tax and state withholding tax has not been extended. See <u>Maine Tax Alert April</u> 2020 No. 3.

Maine Revenue Services has advised that Maine has not conformed to federal tax changes for tax years after December 31, 2019. Maine Governor Mills is considering whether to adopt changes in federal tax law. <a href="Maine Tax Alert July 2020 No. 14">Maine Tax Alert July 2020 No. 14</a>.

Maine Revenue Services issued guidance in <u>Maine Tax Alert July 2020 No. 15</u> regarding conformity to recent federal tax law changes under recent federal legislation. Because some of the federal tax law changes are retroactive to tax years 2018 and 2019, and further because Maine conforms to the IRC as amended through December 31, 2019, some taxpayers may be required to file amended returns. The tax alert explains changes to personal, fiduciary, and corporate income tax returns based on federal tax law changes.

Maine Tax Alert March 2020 No. 3

Maine Tax Alert April 2020 No. 3

Maine Tax Alert April 2020 No. 5

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**Executive Order 30** 

**Executive Order 31** 

Additionally, through **Executive Order 30**, the Maine governor has extended the current use tax application deadline from April 1, 2020 to 30 days after the emergency ends. Further, through **Executive Order 31**, the Maine governor has extended the deadline for property tax exemption applications from April 1 to 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency. This extension includes property of institutions and organizations, estates of veterans, solar and wind energy equipment, exemption of homesteads, and exemption of business equipment.

Through Executive Order 53, municipalities may extend property tax due dates and dates upon which interest will accrue. The order also allows a property tax collector to delay issuing notice of property tax liens until 60 days after the state of emergency. Lastly, the time frames set forth in 36 M.R.S. § 5102(6-C) and § 1760(45) for the duration of certain tax disaster periods are temporarily extended until 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency.

Nonresidents in the state providing disaster relief are exempt from Maine income tax during the COVID-19 disaster period. The disaster period is a 60-day period starting March 15, 2020. Additionally, the state provides several sales and use tax exemptions for companies purchasing supplies for COVID-19 relief efforts. See Item 4 and 7 of the Department's FAQ.

### Maryland

The comptroller of Maryland has extended various state tax deadlines. Business-related taxes such as filing sales and use tax, withholding tax, and admissions and amusement tax, as well as alcohol, tobacco and motor fuel excise taxes, tire recycling fee, and bay restoration fee returns, with original due dates in March, April, and May are extended to July 15, 2020. Individual and business state income tax returns and payments have been extended to July 15, 2020. The due date for tax year 2020 estimated payments for the first and second quarter is also extended to July 15, 2020. See Tax Alert 04-14-20A. The comptroller's office has also released a helpful FAQ.

The comptroller announced its office will temporarily stop processing paper returns on April 15, 2020. *See News Release*, Processing of Paper Income Tax Returns to Temporarily Stop on April 15 Due to COVID-19 (April 6, 2020). Processing of paper income tax returns will resume May 18, 2020. See the comptroller's <u>News Release</u> for more information.

In <u>Tax Alert 04-14-20B</u>, the comptroller's office advised that employer withholding requirements are not affected by employees now teleworking as a result of COVID-19 because taxability is determined by employees' physical presence. The comptroller will take into consideration the temporary nature of employees' change in work location due to COVID-19 when making nexus determinations and sourcing decisions. Further, in <u>Tax Alert 05-04-20</u>, the comptroller advised that it will not use temporary work locations in compliance with the COVID-19 state of emergency to impose business nexus, to alter the sourcing of business income, or to impose additional withholding requirements on the employer.

Tax Alert 04-14-20A
Comptroller of
Maryland FAQ on
COVID-19 Tax Relief

**Tax Alert 05-04-20** 

News Release:
Processing of Paper
Income Tax Returns to
Temporarily Stop on
April 15 Due to COVID19

News Release: Annual Report and Personal Property Tax Return Deadline Extended to July 15

**Tax Alert 04-20** 

The Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (MDAT) has extended the deadline to file annual reports and personal property tax returns to July 15, 2020. Filings for trade names and name reservations are also extended to 30 days after the state of emergency is rescinded. See News Release, Annual Report and Personal Property Tax Return Deadline Extended to July 15 (March 30, 2020).

The comptroller's office will temporarily accept digital signatures on certain documents. See <u>Tax Alert 04-20</u>.

The comptroller of Maryland has released <u>Tax Alert 07-24</u>, which contains guidance on the impact of the CARES Act on Maryland taxable income computation. The state has decoupled from the expanded business interest expense limitation under the CARES Act. Maryland conforms NOL carryback for tax years 2018 and 2019 in conformity with the CARES Act.

### Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue has adopted an emergency regulation amendment (adding Section (7) to 830 CMR 62C.16.2, Sales and Use Tax Returns and Payments) that suspends return filing and payment remittance obligations for certain vendors during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Specifically, the sales and use tax filing and payment schedule for vendors, whose cumulative sales and use tax liability in the 12-month period ending February 29, 2020 is less than \$150,000, will be as follows: Returns and payments due during the period beginning March 20, 2020 and ending May 31, 2020, inclusive, will be suspended. All such returns and payments will be due on September 20, 2020. The suspension does not apply to marijuana retailers, marketplace facilitators, or vendors selling motor vehicles who have to continue to file returns and make payments. *See* Massachusetts Technical Information Release No. 20-27 (June 18, 2020).

The Department has also adopted an emergency regulation amendment (adding new Subsection (11)(g) to 830 CMR 64G.1.1, Room Occupancy Excise), which suspends return filing and payment remittance obligations for certain operators during the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared by the governor. Specifically, the filing and payment schedule for operators, whose cumulative liability in the 12-month period ending February 29, 2020 is less than \$150,000, will be as follows: Returns and payments due during the period beginning March 20, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021, inclusive, will be suspended. All such returns and payments, including any local option amount, will be due on May 20, 2021. The suspension does not apply to intermediaries that must continue to file returns and make payments.

In TIR 20-5, the Department issued guidance related to various tax implications for employees telecommuting as a result of the COVID-19 state of emergency. Compensation paid to employees who worked in Massachusetts prior to the COVID-19 state of emergency but are now working outside of the state due to the COVID-19 state of emergency will continue to be treated as Massachusetts sourced income and subject to personal income tax. Employers with Massachusetts resident employees who previously worked outside the state but are now are working in Massachusetts because of the COVID-19 state of emergency are not required to withhold Massachusetts income tax to the extent that the employer continues to withhold income tax in the employee's pre-COVID-19 work state. Additionally, businesses are not required to collect and remit payments to the Massachusetts Paid Family and Medical Leave Program for employees who previously worked outside the state but are now working inside the state due to the COVID-19 state of emergency. Further, the presence of

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Massachusetts
Technical Information
Release No. 20-2

Massachusetts
Appellate Tax Board
Website

Press Release:
Massachusetts
Announces State
Income Tax Filing
Deadline Being
Extended to July 15
(March 27, 2020)

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employees in the state during the COVID-19 state of emergency will not trigger sales and use tax and corporate excise tax nexus. Lastly, compensation paid to employees working in the state due to the COVID-19 state of emergency will not be considered for computation of a taxpayer's payroll factor for apportionment purposes. The state has superseded TIR 20-5 with TIR 20-10. The state will not assert nexus or require payroll withholding but only for a period the earlier of December 31, 2020 or 90 days after the lift of the Massachusetts state of emergency. TIR 20-10 was superseded by TIR 20-15, which removed the fixed date of December 31, 2020 as a fixed date for exempting traditional nexus rules to the presence of remote workers in the state. The covered period of the TIR is 90 days after the Massachusetts state of emergency is lifted. After that date general nexus rules will apply even if an employee is in the state for a pandemic-related circumstance.

The Department will waive any late-file or late-pay penalties imposed under Mass. Gen. L. Ch. 62C § 33 for returns and payments due during the period March 20, 2020 through April 30, 2021, for the following: (1) vendors with meals tax return and payment obligations pursuant to G.L. c. 62C, § 16 that do not otherwise qualify for relief announced in Emergency Regulation 830 CMR 62C.16.2(7) promulgated by the Department on March 19, 2020 (see above); and (2) operators and intermediaries with room occupancy excise return and payment obligations that do not otherwise qualify for relief announced in Emergency Regulation 830 CMR 64G.1.1(11)(g) promulgated by the Department on March 19, 2020 (see above). Only penalties are being waived; statutory interest will continue to accrue. To be eligible for a penalty waiver, vendors, operators and intermediaries must file their returns and remit payments on or before May 20, 2021. The penalty waiver is limited to the taxpayers and tax periods outlined above. Applications for waiver of penalties for sales tax other than sales tax on meals, or other circumstances not covered above, will be handled on a case-by-case basis based on reasonable cause. TIR 20-12.

The Department has extended personal income tax filing on payment from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. *See* Press Release, Massachusetts Announces State Income Tax Filing Deadline Being Extended to July 15 (March 27, 2020). Taxpayers who wish to cancel payments scheduled for April 15 can do so through MassTaxConnect or contact the state at +1.617.887.6367. Corporate excise taxpayers must pay any amounts due April 15 for an automatic six- or seven-month extension. Penalties for late filing and late payment assessed against corporate excise taxpayers will be waived if returns and payments are filed and/or paid by July 15, 2020. The due dates for estate tax returns and payments have not changed. See the Department's COVID-19 response page for more information.

The Department issued <u>Technical Information Release 20-9</u>, which provides implications of the CARES Act on Massachusetts tax law. The state will not tax economic impact payments paid to individual taxpayers. Additionally, the state will not tax any forgiven indebtedness under the Paycheck Protection Program. Massachusetts does not conform to the federal NOL scheme and therefore state NOL usage is unaffected by the CARES Act. The state does conform to the current code with respect to IRC § 163(j) and thus adopts the changes to business interest expense limitations implemented in the CARES Act. The state decouples from federal bonus depreciation rules and therefore changes to "qualified investment property" rules will not affect Massachusetts depreciation computations. Lastly, the state does conform to the IRC with respect to charitable contributions and does adopt the easing of charitable contribution rules under the CARES Act.

The Department will accept electronic signatures on a number of filings. Taxpayers need to include a statement with the electronically signed document that says, "The attached [insert document name] includes [insert name of taxpayer or representative]'s valid signature and the taxpayer intends to transmit the document to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue." See Directive 20-1, The Acceptance of Electronic Signatures.

The Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board (ATB) has closed its office until further notice. Additionally all motion hearings are suspended until further notice. Hearings scheduled for the next several weeks have been continued for approximately three months. Taxpayers may comply with statutory deadlines for filing petitions or notices of appeal by timely mailing a petition or notice of appeal to the ATB. For additional information, see the ATB website.

The Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance is offering employers impacted by COVID-19 a 60-day grace period to file quarterly state unemployment insurance tax and wage reports and pay contributions.

### Michigan

The Michigan Department of Treasury has waived penalty and interest for the late payment of tax or the late filing of sales, use, and withholding payments and returns due on March 20, 2020, April 14, 2020 and May 15, 2020. The waiver will be effective for a period of 30 days; therefore, any return or payment currently due on these dates may be submitted to the Department without penalty or interest through June 22, 2020. The waiver is limited to sales, use, and withholding tax. Any payment or return otherwise due after that date will not be eligible for the current waiver. The waiver is not available for accelerated sales, use, or withholding tax filers. Those taxpayers should continue to file returns and remit any tax due as of the original due dates. See Notice, Penalty and Interest Waived for 30 Days for Monthly Sales, Use, and Withholding Tax Returns Due March 20, 2020 (March 17, 2020). In conjunction with these extended deadlines, the Department will waive penalty and interest for late payment of sales, use, and withholding tax due on June 22, 2020 where such tax is remitted in equal installments over a period not to exceed six months. For details on the installment plan offering, see Notice: SUW Installment Payment Options Available (May 26, 2020).

The Department has also released an FAQ on city income taxes and telecommuting in which the Department advised nonresidents are not subject to city income taxes when working from home. Employees working from home are encouraged to track days worked from home. Additionally, employers should provide a letter to employees stating the dates employees were directed to work from home. The City of Detroit March 2020 employer withholding tax filing deadline has been extended to May 15, 2020. See the Department's post on its website.

Additionally, the Department issued guidance related to the state's conformity to modifications of IRC § 163(j) under the CARES Act. Michigan conforms to the current code and therefore incorporates the increased limitation of 50%. See the Department's <a href="Notice">Notice</a> for additional information.

The Michigan Tax Tribunal previously extended the deadline for filing petitions, answering petitions, and filing motions and responses to motions in cases that are not currently scheduled for a small claims telephonic hearing

Notice, Penalty and
Interest Waived for 30
Days for Monthly Sales,
Use, and Withholding
Tax Returns Due March
20, 2020 (March 17,
2020)

**Telecommuting FAQ** 

Michigan Tax Tribunal
Announcement

Important Notice: Temporary Suspension of In-Person Hearings Extended

Executive Order 2020-14

Executive Order 2020-106

Executive Order 2020-26

or an entire Tribunal telephonic prehearing conference. The deadline for these matters was extended through the expiration of the governor's stay-at-home order. Now House Bill 5766 extended the deadline to file property tax appeals to August 31, 2020. *See MTT Newsletter* (June 15, 2020).

All in-person administrative hearings are suspended until September 11, 2020. The Tribunal's in-person small claims hearings have been converted to telephonic hearings. Entire Tribunal hearings through June 30, 2020 have been adjourned and entire Tribunal in-person prehearing conferences have been converted to telephonic conferences. Taxpayers can request informal conference by emailing <a href="mailto:formal-tribunal-reperson-formal-tribunal-reperson-formal-tribunal-reperson-formal-tribunal-t

Through Executive Order 2020-14, Governor Whitmer extended the property tax foreclosure deadline under Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 211.78g(3) for Michigan residents to pay back taxes and avoid foreclosure in their property during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The executive order moves the tax foreclosure deadline from March 31, 2020 to June 29, 2020, or 30 days after the state of emergency declared in executive order 2020-04 is terminated, whichever comes first. The executive order encourages the State Court Administrative Office to urge judges of the circuit court to amend orders of foreclosure issued in 2020 under Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 211.78k(5), in a manner consistent with the deadline extension. See Executive Order 2020-14 (March 18, 2020) and extended by Executive Order 2020-106.

Through Executive Order 2020-26, Governor Whitmer extended the individual income tax filing and payment due dates from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Corporate income tax returns and payment due April 30, 2020 are extended to July 31, 2020. The extension applies to both Michigan income tax returns and Detroit income tax returns. The extension also applies to fiscal year filers with state income tax returns or payments due after April 30, 2020 and before July 31, 2020. Additionally, state and city first and second quarter estimated income tax is now due July 15, 2020. Any estimated city income tax payments due April 30 are due July 31, 2020. Further any estimated city income tax extension due April 15, 2020 is now due July 15, 2020. Interest and penalties will not accrue during the extension period. The annual Michigan Business Tax has not been extended and is due April 30, 2020. See Executive Order 2020-26 (March 27, 2020); Notice, Michigan Department of Treasury Automatic Extension of State and Income Tax Filing Deadline.

Through Executive Order 2020-87, Governor Whitmer ordered boards of review to hear property tax assessment protests for individuals who were not able to file protests in March. Additionally, the due date for file protests for commercial real property, industrial real property, developmental real property, commercial personal property, industrial personal property, or utility personal property is extended from May 31, 2020 to July 31, 2020. In response to this order, the Michigan Tax Tribunal will liberally grant motions to adjourn or extend with immediate consideration as well as extend deadlines to comply with orders. See the Tribunal's Announcement for more details. See also the Department's memo issued June 9, 2020 for additional guidance.

Through <u>Executive Order 2020-141</u> and extended in <u>Executive Order 2020-154</u>, Governor Whitmer has allowed public notice for any tax abatement hearing to be provided electronically and by newspaper.

Extension of City of Detroit Employer
Withholding Tax

Michigan Department
of Treasury, FAQ, State
and City Income Tax
Deadline Changes

Executive Order 2020-87

The Department has issued an FAO on its website related to extended return and payment deadlines. The Michigan Department of Revenue issued Revenue Administrative Bulletin 2020-9 wherein it advised PPE or safety equipment may be eligible for the industrial processing exemption and therefore exempt from sales and use tax. The Minnesota Department of Revenue has extended the filing date and payment for individual income tax from Minnesota **Press Release:** April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. This extension does not include estimated payments for tax year 2020. The due **Additional Time to File** and Pay Minnesota dates for corporate franchise, S corporation, partnership, and fiduciary taxes have not changed as these taxpayers receive automatic extension to November 15, 2020. See Press Release, Additional Time to File and 2019 Individual Pay Minnesota 2019 Individual Income Tax (March 23, 2020). The Department has issued guidance to Income Tax (March 23, taxpayers for computing estimated first quarter payments for tax year 2020 as these payments are due April 15, 2020) 2020. **Estimated Payment** Further, the Department has granted a 30-day sales and use tax grace period for businesses identified in **Computation Guidance** Executive Order 20-04. During this time the Department will not assess penalties or interest. The payment due date for identified businesses with a monthly sales and use tax payment due March 20, 2020 is extended to May **Sales Tax Payment** 20. The identified businesses should still file their returns by March 20. At this time, this grace period for penalty **Extension for Eligible** and interest is only for monthly filers and only for the March 20 payment. Identified businesses can request **Businesses** additional relief from penalty and interest for reasonable cause after April 20. Executive Order 20-04, as amended by Executive Order 20-08, provides for the temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places **Minnesota Department** of public accommodation. See Sales Tax Payment Extension for Eligible Businesses (April 9, 2020). The of Revenue COVID-19 Department will not extend the grace period beyond May 20, 2020. **Response Site** The Department has granted a 60-day payment grace period for MinnesotaCare monthly and guarterly estimated **Minnesota Department** payments due April 15, 2020. The Department is also offering a filing extension by request for payments that of Revenue: were due March 16, 2020. Providers can also request penalty and interest relief for late payments for reasonable **MinnesotaCare** cause, including emergency declarations by the president and governor due to COVID-19. Further, the **Payment Grace Period** Department has offered a 60-day grace period for Occupation Tax payments due May 1, 2020. These payments are now due July 1, 2020. See the **Department's announcement**. **Lawful Gambling Tax Grace Period** Posted to its FAQ for business taxes, the Department has advised it will not impose business tax nexus or sales and use tax nexus on taxpavers based solely on the presence of employees working from home due to COVID-**COVID-19 FAOs for** 19. Relatedly the Department will not impose added individual income tax or payroll withholding tax for **Businesses** employees who ordinarily work outside the state but are temporarily telecommuting from a Minnesota location due to COVID-19. The Department is offering a grace period for taxpayers owing the lawful gambling tax due April 20, 2020 and May 20, 2020. Taxpayers can make their request to lawfulgambling.taxes@state.mn.us. For more details see the Department's post on its website.

The Department has created a <u>COVID-19 response page</u> as well as an <u>FAQ</u> for business taxpayers, including <u>quidance</u> to request penalty abatement.

The Department has advised that the additional unemployment compensation distributed to individual taxpayers as part of the CARES Act is subject to Minnesota income tax. See the Department's FAQ, "COVID-19 Payments."

The Department updated its **COVID-19 FAQ page** to advise that payments from local coronavirus relief funds are likely includable in taxable income.

<u>House Bill 4556</u>, effective for any deadlines not expired as of March 13, 2020, suspends the running of statutory deadlines that govern proceedings in the Minnesota district and appellate courts. The suspension is in effect during the governor's declared state of emergency and for an additional 60 days thereafter.

The Minnesota Tax Court is closed for in-person filing until further notice. All appeals must be filed by mail until that date. The date of mailing will be considered as the date of filing. Requests for 30-day extensions can be requested via email at <a href="mailto:submissions@taxcourt.state.mn.us">submissions@taxcourt.state.mn.us</a>. The Tax Court is operational but all trials scheduled to begin before June 30, 2020 are cancelled and will be rescheduled.

The Department announced it is sending letters to individual taxpayers who were affected by state tax law changes enacted on May 30, 2019. The Department will automatically adjust 2017 and 2018 tax returns affected by the 2019 tax changes.

### Mississippi

The Mississippi Department of Revenue has extended the 2019 individual and corporate income tax deadline to July 15, 2020. First quarter 2020 estimated tax payments and extension payments are also extended to July 15, 2020. See Notice 80-20-002.

Penalty and interest will not accrue during the extension time. The extension does not apply to sales, use, or other taxes. *See* Notice 2020-01 (March 23, 2020). The Department has also suspended the imposition of interest on late sales, use, and local tax payments for one month. The Department will not change withholding requirements for businesses based on employees' temporary work location. Further, the Department will not use a temporary change in employees' work location to impose nexus or alter apportionment of income. *See* Press Release, Mississippi Department of Revenue Response to Requests for Relief (March 26, 2020).

The Department has ended the period of penalty and interest suspension effective August 20, 2020. The Department will resume issuing assessments August 20, 2020. Penalty and interest will only be assessed after the suspension period (August 20, 2020). See the Department's <u>website</u> for more information.

The Department released guidance on the state's Mississippi COVID-19 Relief Payment Fund, which is a program to assist Mississippi small businesses affected by the pandemic. The Department is in the process of determining which businesses are eligible for the payments, but basic guidelines can be found on its <u>website</u>.

# Notice 80-20-002

### Notice 2020-01

Press Release:
Mississippi Department
of Revenue Response
to Requests for Relief

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Nebraska	Nebraska Governor Ricketts has extended the filing and payment deadline for state income tax returns to July	Press Release: Gov.
Nebrasia	15, 2020. The extension also applies to first quarter estimated tax payments. Second quarter estimated payments	Ricketts Announces
	due June 15 remain due on June 15, 2020. (Note, this is a change from the Department's original position, which	<b>Extended Tax Deadline</b> ,
	extended second quarter payments to July.) See Press Release, Gov. Ricketts Announces Extended Tax	<b>Overviews the State's</b>
	Deadline, Overviews the State's Continuity Plans, Office of Gov. Pete Ricketts (March 23, 2020). The Nebraska	<b>Continuity Plans, Office</b>
	Department of Revenue has posted an FAQ on the extended deadlines for various taxes on its website.	of Gov. Pete Ricketts (March 23, 2020)
	The governor has also waived penalties and interest for 2020 personal property tax returns filed after May 1,	(March 23, 2020)
	2020 and July 1, 2020. See Executive Order 20-17.	Nebraska Department
		of Revenue FAQ
	The Department of Revenue has advised that it will not require employers to change that state which was	
	previously established in their payroll systems for income tax withholding purposes for employees who are now	<b>Executive Order 20-17</b>
	telecommuting or temporarily relocated to a work location within or outside Nebraska due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A change in work location is not required beginning with the date the emergency was declared, March	
	13, 2020, and ending January 1, 2021, unless the emergency is extended. See the Department's FAO page for	
	details.	
Nevada	Per the Nevada Department of Taxation website, all taxation offices are closed. See the Department's website	Nevada Department of
	for more information.	Taxation Website
	The Department has advised that fees charged by businesses that are assessed as a COVID-19 surcharge or to	
	recoup costs associated with COVID-19 are subject to state sales tax. See the Department's announcement.	
New	The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration issued a technical release offering relief to taxpayers	<b>Technical Information</b>
Hampshire	filing Business Profits Tax returns (BPT), Business Enterprise Tax returns (BET), and Interest and Dividends Tax	Release 2020-001
	returns. Taxpayers are granted a seven-month automatic extension if the taxpayer has paid an amount no less	
	than their 2018 tax liability by April 15, 2020. No extension form is required. Additionally, taxpayers who make their 2020 estimated tax payments based on an amount no less than their 2018 or 2019 total tax liability will	Executive Order 2020- 04
	not incur underpayment penalties. Taxpayers using their tax year 2018 tax liability must make a payment equal	<u>04</u>
	to 25% of 2018 total tax liability.	
	Further, the deadline for taxpayers whose tax year 2018 business tax liability (BPT and BET) was \$50,000 or	
	less is extended from April 15, 2020 to June 15, 2020. Similarly, the deadline for taxpayers whose tax year 2018	
	interest and dividends tax liability was \$10,000 or less is extended from April 15, 2020 to June 15, 2020. Taxpayers who qualify are also granted an automatic seven-month extension to file both business tax returns	
	(BPT and BET) and interest and dividends tax returns. See <u>Technical Information Release 2020-001</u> .	
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	Through Executive Order 2020-04, the New Hampshire governor has authorized all counties to waive interest	
	on late property tax payments. The order also suspends foreclosure proceedings during the state of emergency.	

	New Hampshire posted <u>guidance</u> related to taxability of various COVID-19 financial relief programs. In addition to commenting on a variety of state-level programs, any loan forgiveness under the Paycheck Protection Program is included in income for purposes of the Business Profits Tax.	
New Jersey	The deadline for individual gross income tax, partnership, and corporate business tax filings and payments originally due April 15, 2020 has been extended to July 15, 2020. Tax year 2020 first quarter estimated payments are also extended to July 15, 2020. Tax year 2020 second quarter estimated payments are due June 15, 2020. The extension does not apply to corporations with business tax returns with an extended deadline of April 15, 2020. The Department has provided a matrix with due dates for all returns on its <a href="website">website</a> .  Per the New Jersey Division of Taxation website, all walk-in services are suspended. Call centers and email services are available but expect delays as staff is limited. See the Division's <a href="website">website</a> for more information.	New Jersey Division of Taxation Return Due Date Matrix  New Jersey Division of Taxation Website  Joint Statement by
	The Division has waived the legal implications of N.J.S.A. 54:10A-2 and N.J.A.C. 18:7-1.9(a), which create nexus for an out-of-state corporation when the corporation's employees work from their homes in New Jersey. The nexus threshold will not be met to the extent employees are working from home due to closures in response to COVID-19. The Division is also temporarily waiving the sales tax nexus standard that is met when an out-of-state seller has employees in the state. As long as the out-of-state seller does not maintain a physical presence other than employees working from home in New Jersey and is below the state's economic thresholds, the Division will not impose nexus on the out-of-state seller. Lastly, New Jersey sourcing rules dictate that income is sourced based on where the service or employment is performed based on a day's method of allocation. The Division advised that employers should continue to source wages based on the employer's jurisdiction. The Division advises employers not to changes their payroll systems for temporary work setup. See the Division's website for more information. However, in an email from Regulatory Services and published by Checkpoint, if the stay in New Jersey is 183 days or more, this individual will be classified as a resident of New Jersey and will be subject to tax on all of their income during their period of residency.	Governor Murphy, Senate President Sweeney, and Assembly Speaker Coughlin  New Jersey Supreme Court Order  Press Release: NJEDA Extends Reporting Deadlines for HUB, Grow, and ERG in Response to COVID-19
	The Division has advised taxpayers on the taxability of surcharges added to transactions. The taxability of these surcharges depends on the taxability of the underlying item or services sold. For example, surcharges on restaurant bills are taxable because meals and beverages are taxable. Surcharges added to bills at hair salons are not subject to tax as services at hair salons are not taxable. See the Division's <b>post</b> on its COVID-19 website.  The New Jersey Supreme Court has extended the deadline for filing complaints and countercomplaints for state tax cases until May 1, 2020 or 30 days following the end of the state of emergency. The extension applies to both state tax cases and property tax appeals. See <b>New Jersey Supreme Court Order</b> (April 6, 2020).	
	The New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) has extended the annual reporting deadline for businesses receiving tax credits. The annual reports will be due 90 days after the governor's Executive Order 107 is no longer in affect. See <a href="Press Release">Press Release</a> , NJEDA Extends Reporting Deadlines for HUB, Grow, and ERG in Response to COVID-19	

	New Jersey will allow a notary to perform notarial acts using communication technology for a remotely located individual. <i>See</i> Act 3903.	
New Mexico	The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department has extended various state tax filings and payments. New Mexico personal income tax returns and payments due between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 may be submitted without penalty no later than July 15, 2020. New Mexico corporate income tax returns and payments due between April 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 may be submitted without penalty no later than July 15, 2020. In addition, withholding tax returns and payments due between March 25, 2020 and July 25, 2020 may be submitted without penalty no later than July 25, 2020. Taxpayers who elect to take advantage of the income tax extensions will not be assessed penalties as long as payment is received by the original statutory date that tax is due because the Department has no authority to waive interest. See New Mexico Bulletin, Tax Relief for COVID-19: Extension of Time to File New Mexico Taxes (March 25, 2020).	New Mexico Bulletin: Tax Relief for COVID- 19: Extension of Time to File New Mexico Taxes (March 25, 2020)
	The Department updated the above cited bulletin to clarify that the July 15, 2020 extension applies to personal, fiduciary, and corporate tax returns; return payments; and estimated payments with an April 15, 2020 due date. The extension does not apply to gross receipts tax, governmental gross receipts tax, compensating tax, leasehold vehicle gross receipts, and leased vehicle surcharges.	
	The New Mexico legislature passed HB-6, which allows for taxpayers who have filed their returns by July 15, 2020 an extension until April 15, 2021 to pay the tax due in full without assessment of penalties and interest. This applies to personal, fiduciary, corporate income returns, return payments, and estimated payments. See <a href="New Mexico Bulletin">New Mexico Bulletin</a> , Tax Relief for COVID-19: Extension of Time to File New Mexico Taxes (June 30, 2020).	
New York (and New York City)	The New York Department of Taxation and Finance has extended the due date for filing and paying personal and corporate income tax from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The extension applies to individuals, fiduciaries (estate and trusts), and corporations taxable under Tax Law Articles 9, 9-A, and 33. The extension also applies to estimated tax payments for tax year 2020. See Important Notice N-20-2. Currently, penalty and interest for sales tax payments and returns due March 20, 2020 are waived for quarterly and annual filers. See Important Notice N-20-1. The Department has also created a COVID-19 response page.	Tax Department Response to Novel Coronavirus (last updated March 16, 2019) New York State
	The Department will accept digital signatures in place of handwritten signatures during the state of emergency. See <a href="Important Notice N-20-3">Important Notice N-20-3</a> .	Important Notice N- 20-1
	Through <u>Executive Order 202.32</u> , Governor Cuomo abated penalties and interest for sales tax vendors and property taxpayers during the extension of time to file and pay period. As a result, those who were unable to timely file and pay annual sales tax returns due March 20, 2020 due to COVID-19 must now file and pay any amount due by June 22, 2020 to obtain penalty and interest abatement. <i>See</i> <u>Important Notice N-20-6</u> .	New York State Important Notice N- 20-2
	The Department issued <u>Important Notice 20-7</u> advising taxpayers that amendments made to the IRC after March 1, 2020 will not apply to New York State or New York City personal income taxes.	NYC Department of Finance - Finance Memorandum 20-2, Business Tax Filing

The New York City Department of Finance (DOF) has waived penalties for DOF-administered business and excise taxes due between March 16, 2020, and April 25, 2020. The DOF has also waived penalties for the April 26, 2020 to June 25, 2020 period. See NYC DOF Finance Memorandum 20-5. Taxpayers may request to have the penalties waived on a late-filed extension or return, or in a separate request. If you file an extension or return or make a tax payment in accordance with these rules, you will not be subject to any late filing, late payment, or underpayment penalties. For purposes of the above filings, while late filing and late payment penalties are waived, interest, where applicable, at the appropriate underpayment rate, must be paid on all tax payments received after the original due date calculated from the original due date to the date of payment. All paper filings under this announcement should be marked "COVID-19" on the top center of the first page. The same relief will be provided to adversely affected electronic filers. Penalty Abatements: You may request an abatement by writing to: NYC Department of Finance P.O. Box 5564 Binghamton, NY 13902-5564 You may also use online portal at www.nyc.gov/dofaccount, send Penalty Abatements@finance.nyc.gov. Please include the letter identification on your notice, or your EIN. See NYC DOF Finance Memorandum 20-2 (March 19, 2020).

Extensions and the COVID-19 Outbreak

News Release:
Department of Finance
Postpones Annual Tax
Lien Sale until Late
Summer

The New York City DOF has extended the deadline for personal and corporate income tax returns due April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The extension applies to New York City resident tax, Yonkers resident income tax surcharge, Yonkers nonresident earnings tax, and metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax (MCTMT) on net earnings from self-employment.

The New York City DOF has postponed its annual tax lien sale, scheduled for May 15, until late summer. *See* News Release, Department of Finance Postpones Annual Tax Lien Sale until Late Summer (March 31, 2020).

### North Carolina

The North Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR) has extended the time to file state income and franchise tax returns originally due on April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The extension applies to income and franchise tax returns originally due on April 15, 2020 from individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts, and estates. Under state law, the DOR must charge interest for tax due but received after April 15. The DOR cannot change the payment due date. However, the DOR is offering penalty waiver for tax payments due April 15. The waiver is not automatic and must be requested using the regular DOR penalty waiver request form (NC-5500). In sum, the secretary of revenue has elected to waive the following penalties for failing to file a return, or to pay taxes:

Notice: NC DOR Offers
Penalty Waivers to
Taxpayers Related to
State of Emergency
(March 17, 2020)

North Carolina
Department of
Revenue FAQ

Important Notice:
Department of
Revenue Expands
Penalty Relief for
Taxpayers Affected by
Coronavirus Disease

2019 (COVID-19)

- The penalty for failure to file a return
- The penalty for failure to pay tax when due
- The penalties regarding informational returns

The referenced statutes are part of Article 9, which is General Administration. The taxes involved include franchise tax, corporate income tax, personal income tax, and sales tax. The waiver applies to the failure to timely file a return or pay a tax that is due between March 15, 2020, and March 31, 2020, if the return or extension application is filed, or the tax is paid by April 15, 2020. See Important Notice, NCDOR Offers Penalty Waivers to Taxpayers Related to State of Emergency (March 17, 2020). The DOR has also posted an FAQ to its website.

On March 31, 2020 the DOR issued an important notice expanding its penalty waiver for a variety of taxes due between March 15, 2020 and July 15, 2020 (Extension Period). Penalties for failure to obtain a license, failure to file a return, failure to pay tax, and penalties regarding informational returns are waived for due dates between the Extension Period if the required license is obtained, return is filed, or tax is paid on or before July 15, 2020. The waiver applies to the following taxes:

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Department of
Revenue Will Waive
Interest Under New
Law

- Withholding Tax
- Sales and Use Tax
- Scrap Tire Disposal Tax
- White Goods Disposal Tax
- Motor Vehicle Lease and Subscription Tax
- Solid Waste Disposal Tax
- 911 Service Charge for Prepaid Telecommunications Service
- Dry-Cleaning Solvent Tax
- Primary Forest Products Tax
- Freight Car Line Companies Tax
- Various taxes administered by the Excise Tax Division including privilege tax, installment paper dealers, tobacco products, alcohol, motor carrier, motor fuel, alternative fuel, and inspection tax (see <u>Important</u> Notice)

See <u>Important Notice</u>, Department of Revenue Expands Penalty Relief for Taxpayers Affected by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (March 31, 2020).

North Carolina recently enacted <u>S.B. 704</u> that provides for a waiver of interest from April 15, 2020 through July 15, 2020 on underpayments of individual income, corporate income, and franchise tax returns due between April 15 and July 15, 2020. *See* <u>Press Release</u>, N.C. Department of Revenue Will Waive Interest Under New Law.

As part of House Bill 1080, North Carolina has changed its Internal Revenue Code conformity date to May 1, 2020. The legislation decouples from several provisions of the CARES Act including the business interest expense deduction under Section 2306. North Carolina conforms to the gross income exclusion for amounts forgiven under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). However, the state requires an addback for the amount of expenses deducted for federal purposes to the extent funded by the forgiven PPP loan. The Department of Revenue has issued guidance advising taxpayers on this legislation. See Important Notice: North Carolina's Reference to the Internal Revenue Code Updated – Impact on North Carolina Corporate and Individual Income Tax Returns (Updated October 1, 2020).

### North Dakota The North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner has issued guidance on tax issues related to COVID-19. The **North Dakota Office of State Tax** commissioner has extended the due date for individual and business income tax returns and payments due on April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The extension also applies to 2020 estimated tax payments due before July 15, **Commissioner COVID-**2020. Penalties and interest are waived during the extension period. With regard to other taxes, if taxpayers 19 Response Site have a financial hardship and are unable to file a return or pay the tax in a timely manner because of a COVID-19 related situation, requests for assistance will be considered by the Tax Commissioner. COVID-19 Guidance (March 20, 2020). The commissioner has advised taxpayers that employees telecommuting due to COVID-19 restrictions will not create nexus for their employer. Additionally, wages paid to employees working in the state due to COVID-19 will not count toward a taxpayer's payroll factor for apportionment purposes. For additional information visit the Office's COVID-19 response site. **News Release: Ohio** Ohio The Ohio Department of Taxation has extended the deadline to file and pay income tax from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. This extension also applies to estimated payments due April 15, 2020 and June 15, 2020. Both Extending Income Tax are now due July 15, 2020. See the Department's News Release, Ohio Extending Income Tax Filing and Filing and Payment Deadline (March 27, Payment Deadline (March 27, 2020). In its updated FAO, the Department is encouraging taxpayers to make payments electronically via the Ohio Treasurer of State's website. The due dates for the Ohio Commercial 2020) Activity Tax (CAT) have not been extended. However, the extension applies to the municipal net profits tax for taxpayers who participate in the centralized municipal net profits tax filing system. The Department has also granted extensions for the payment of real property taxes in various counties for the second-half collection of tax year 2019. Counties with extensions include Belmont County, Columbiana County, Cuyahoga County, Delaware County, Franklin County, Geauga County, Montgomery County, Monroe County, Paulding County, Trumbull County, and Washington County. See the Department's FAO for more information. The Department will temporarily accept electronic signatures for refund claims, petitions for reassessment, Form TBOR-1, settlement agreements, waivers, consents to accept electronic delivery, and voluntary disclosure agreements. Further the Department will allow taxpayers to submit appeal information electronically to its Legal Division by emailing fileanappeal@tax.state.oh.us with a request for delivery receipt. Electronic delivery is available for petitions for reassessment, requests for reconsideration of refund claims, and BTA notices of appeal can be delivered electronically. Include the name of the taxpayer, the assessment number or claim for refund number and whether or not a hearing is requested in the body of the email. The Department has granted taxpayers additional time to file their petitions for reassessment. Petitions due between March 9, 2020 and the earlier of (1) the end of the governor's emergency declaration or (2) July 30, 2020 are extended to July 30, 2020. Petitions can be filed via email to FileAnAppeal@tax.state.oh.us.

Additionally, any statute of limitations for refund claims that expire between March 9, 2020 and the end of the state of emergency is tolled to the earlier of the end of the state of emergency or July 30, 2020. Per the

	Department's FAQ: "For example, if a deadline were set to expire on March 19, 2020 (10 days after the effective date of the emergency declaration), the deadline will now expire 10 days after the period of emergency ends (or July 30, 2020, whichever is sooner)."	
	The Ohio legislature enacted a new law that provides that any day during the state of emergency in which an employee performs work at a location, including the employee's home, will be considered to be a day performing personal services at the employee's principal place of work.	
	Further, the legislature has excluded any forgiven indebtedness from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provided under the CARES Act from the definition of gross income for purposes of the CAT.	
	The Department has updated its FAQ page with respect to \$10,000 grants issued from the federal Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. The grant is not excluded from gross receipts for purposes of the Commercial Activity Tax (CAT). Grants of COVID-19 relief funds issued by the county are also included in gross receipts for purposes of the CAT. However, employee retention tax credits authorized by the CARES Act are excluded.	
	See the Department's COVID-19 tax relief page for more information.	
Oklahoma	The Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) has extended the deadline to pay Oklahoma income taxes that would be due April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020, following the newly established Internal Revenue Service deadlines applicable to income tax due. This payment extension applies for tax year 2019 and the first quarter payment for tax year 2020, both of which would normally be due on April 15, 2020. The tax year 2020 second quarter estimated payment due June 30 is not extended. Mirroring the guidance issued by the IRS, all individual and other non-corporate tax filers may defer up to \$1 million of income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, until July 15, 2020, without penalties or interest. Corporate taxpayers will be granted a similar deferment of up to \$10 million of income tax payments that would be due on April 15, 2020, until July 15, 2020, without penalties or interest. Taxpayers who had payments scheduled can cancel and reschedule these payments by submitting a form to the OTC. See the OTC's COVID-19 response website for more information.	Oklahoma Tax Commission's COVID- 19 Response Website
Oregon	With respect to the Oregon Corporate Activity Tax (CAT), initial quarterly payments for the new CAT are due April 30, 2020. The Oregon Department of Revenue understands that the pandemic may impact commercial activity, up or down, to an extent that makes it difficult for businesses to estimate their first payments. The Department will not assess underpayment penalties to taxpayers making a good-faith effort to estimate their first quarter payments.	Oregon Department of Revenue: COVID-19 Tax Relief Options  Revenue Director Order 2020-02
	The Oregon Department of Revenue has automatically extended the deadline for personal income tax, transit self-employment, estate, partnership, S corporation, and corporate income and excise filings due on or after April 1, 2020 and before July 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The deadline for tax year 2019 payments is automatically extended to July 15, 2020. Tax year 2020 estimated tax payments for personal and corporate or excise tax	Revenue Director Order 2020-01 Revenue Director's
	payers are not extended. Interest and penalties are waived during the extension period. See Revenue Director	Order FAQ

Order 2020-01 (March 24, 2020); Revenue Director Order 2020-02 (April 20, 2020). The Department has also provided an FAQ on the director's order with additional information.

The Department has automatically extended the payment due date for the annual amusement device tax from June 30, 2020 to October 14, 2020. The fourth quarter tax payment due July 14, 2020 is also extended to October 14, 2020. No penalties will be imposed for late payments so long as payments are received on or before November 13, 2020. See <u>Revenue Director's Order 2020-03</u> (June 23, 2020).

On its FAQ page, the Department has stated that stimulus payments issued to taxpayers under the CARES Act are not subject to Oregon income tax. Further, the Department has advised that federal assistance paid to businesses under the CARES Act is not subject to the Oregon CAT. This includes amounts received under the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan emergency advances, and Small Business Administration loan subsidies. *See* Press Release, PPP Loans, EIDL Advances, SBA Loan Subsidies Not Subject to CAT (May 6, 2020).

The Department adopted temporary rule Or. Admin. Code § 150-317-1500, which provides good-faith effort standards for penalty waiver for estimated payments underpayment. The Department will not assess penalties for underpayment of estimated taxes where taxpayers have made a good-faith effort to comply with required quarterly estimated payment for tax years beginning January 1, 2020. Namely, a good-faith effort will be demonstrated where the taxpayer was unable to estimate or make estimated payments due to the negative impact of COVID-19.

Taxpayers who have received a "Letter Error" or "Billing Error" notice after April 20, 2020 for a notice of deficiency, notice of proposed refund adjustment, or notice of liability issued on or after March 1, 2020 and before June 16, 2020 have 90 days (extended from 30 days) to request written objection or a conference.

In <u>Order No. 20-027</u>, the Oregon Supreme Court has extended statutory time periods and time requirements in certain tax appeals through the state of emergency and for 60 days thereafter.

The Oregon Department of Revenue posted to its <u>website</u> that for purposes of Oregon corporate excise/income tax or the personal income tax, the presence of the employer corporation's teleworking employees in Oregon will not be a relevant factor when making a nexus determination if the employee would have otherwise been outside Oregon but for the COVID-19 pandemic. For the telecommuting employee to be a non-factor in nexus determinations, the employee must have been based outside Oregon starting March 8, 2020 through the expiration of the state's notice. The notice expires at the later of (1) the expiration of <u>Executive Order 20-67</u>; (2) the expiration date of an emergency declaration, a stay-at-home order, or similar government order related to COVID-19 in the employee's assigned work location; or (3) December 31, 2021. Note, the Oregon Department of Revenue's prior guidance was that telecommuters would be considered a factor in nexus determinations after December 31, 2020. Oregon changed its approach March 15, 2021.

Press Release: PPP
Loans, EIDL Advances,
SBA Loan Subsidies
Not Subject to CAT

The Department issued a reminder to taxpayers that unemployment benefits are taxable and advises taxpayers that they should consider having tax withheld on their benefits. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue has extended the deadline to file 2019 personal income tax returns, **Governor Wolf Orders** Pennsylvania S corporation, trust and estate fiduciaries, declarations of estimate tax, estimated tax returns, estimated tax Stav-at-home order for payments, and information returns to July 15, consistent with the IRS extension. The Department will waive **7 PA Communities** penalties and interest on payments made before July 15. The Department is waiving penalties for business that (March 23, 2020) are required to make Accelerated Sales Tax (AST) prepayments by March 20, 2020. The Department is further waiving the AST prepayment requirement for April, and asking businesses to remit sales tax they collected in Pennsylvania March. The Department has suspended the deadline to respond to notices of assessment. The suspension will Department of be lifted once the Department's office has reopened. For appeal deadlines falling on or after March 16, the Board **Revenue COVID-19** of Appeals will accept a petition as timely filed by the later of (1) 30 days after the reopening of the Board of **Page** Appeals offices or (2) the original appeal deadline. **Press Release: Wolf** Administration The Department has also extended the May 15, 2020 filing and payment deadline for corporate income tax returns to August 14, 2020. There is no extension for the June 15 corporate estimated payment due date. The **Provides Relief for** Department has provided a chart with the extended due dates for various returns. **Taxpavers Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic** Federal stimulus checks are not subject to Pennsylvania personal income tax as the state considers the check a rebate. Further the stimulus check is not considered income of applicants for the property tax/rent rebate Pennsylvania Board of program. See the Department's FAO for more details. **Appeals Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic** The Department has not extended the three-month deadline to file and pay inheritance tax in exchange for a 5% discount. See the Department's FAO for more details. **Pennsylvania Board of** The Department added to its FAQ that the federal deferment of payroll taxes does not apply to Pennsylvania **Finance and Revenue Operations Under the** personal income tax withholding. **Exigent Circumstances Created by the Public** The governor of Pennsylvania announced several relief actions that the Department will take to assist taxpayers. These actions include temporary pause of current taxpayer payment plans, flexible terms for new payment plans, **Health Emergency** suspension of automatic enforcements for liens and wage garnishments, suspension of new desk reviews and field audits, broadening of audit penalty abatement, and abatement of penalties in most cases if taxpayers have **Philadelphia** remitted trust fund taxes they collected. See the governor's Press Release for a full list of relief. **Department of Revenue COVID-19** The Pennsylvania Board of Appeals has closed its offices and thus has suspended all in-person hearings. Hearings **Page** held during the office closures can be conducted over Skype. The Board will issue orders through email. Any filings made during this time can be filed through the **Board of Appeals online petition center**. Filed appeals 2020 Real Estate Tax will be dated by either the postmark from the US Postal Service or the timestamp on petitions filed electronically. **Due Date Policy Update** 

Appeals of tax assessments will be considered timely filed by the later of either 30 days after the reopening of the Board of Appeals or the original appeal deadline. See Announcement, Board of Appeals Operations During

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Further, the Board of Finance and Revenue has moved all hearings to teleconference. To participate in a telephonic hearing, a taxpayer must email a hearing reply to <a href="mailto:bfr@patreasury.gov">bfr@patreasury.gov</a> at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing. If a taxpayer fails to submit a hearing reply, the Board will decide a taxpayer's appeal based on submissions to the Board. Appeals to the Board will be considered timely filed based on US postmark, date an email is received by the Board, timestamp on a fax received by the Board, or date of hand delivery. See <a href="mailto:Announcement">Announcement</a>, Board of Finance and Revenue Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the Public Health Emergency.

The Department of Revenue has advised, through its website, that hazard pay available through the state's grant program is taxable compensation for personal income tax purposes. See the Department's post on its COVID-19 Information page.

Philadelphia COVID-19 Tax Relief: The Philadelphia Department of Revenue has extended the deadlines for filing and paying real estate taxes from March 31, 2020 to June 15, 2020. See 2020 Real Estate Tax Due Date Policy Update (April 24, 2020). Penalties and interest are abated until April 30, 2020. The city has extended the Business Income and Receipts Tax (BIRT) and Net Profits Tax (NPT) due dates to July 15, consistent with the IRS extension. The extension includes tax year 2020 estimated payments. Penalties and interest are abated during the extension period. Further, the Department will automatically match BIRT and NPT filing deadlines with IRS granted extensions. See BIRT and NPT Filing and Payment Extensions Policy Update (April 14, 2020).

Additionally, the Department has advised that economic impact payments paid to individuals under the CARES Act are not subject to Philadelphia wage and earnings tax or Philadelphia school income tax. See <u>Taxability of Economic Impact Payment for Philadelphia Wage/Earnings Tax and School Income Tax Purposes</u> (April 30, 2020).

The Department has issued guidance related to nexus and apportionment. The Department is temporarily waiving its legal nexus threshold that the presence of employees in the city creates nexus for the imposition of the BIRT and NPT. The waiver applies if the employee is working in the city solely due to COVID-19. Further, the location of where employees are working due to COVID-19 will not affect a taxpayer's sourcing for apportionment. The Department considers non-resident employees who previously performed services in Philadelphia but are now working outside the city due to COVID-19 as performing services in the city for sourcing BIRT and NPT receipts. Conversely, resident employees who prior to COVID-19 were working outside the city but are now working in the city will be considered as working outside the city for purposes of BIRT and NPT apportionment. This guidance is in effect until the earlier of June 30, 2021 or 90 days after the state of emergency in Pennsylvania is lifted. See BIRT, NPT, Nexus and Apportionment Policies due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Dec. 7, 2020).

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BIRT, NPT, Nexus and Apportionment Policies due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Use & Occupancy Tax
Guidance During the
COVID-19 Coronavirus
Closure of Nonessential Businesses

Wage Tax Policy
Guidance for Nonresident Employees

School Income Tax (SIT) Payment and Filing Policy Update

Philadelphia does not conform to the federal treatment of NOLs for the BIRT on net income. See <u>Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Net Operating Losses (NOLs) Guidance</u> (June 26, 2020).

With respect to the Use & Occupancy Tax (U&O Tax), the Philadelphia Department of Revenue has clarified that non-essential businesses required to close during the stay-at-home order are not considered to "occupy" their space. Taxpayers should indicate this on their returns using "Line 3 – Non-taxable Exempt Amount." See Use & Occupancy Tax Guidance During the COVID-19 Coronavirus Closure of Non-essential Businesses (April 9, 2020). For taxpayers wishing to file a refund for prepaid U&O Tax, the Department has issued guidance on its website as well as in a formal announcement. As Philadelphia enters its "yellow phase" allowing businesses to reopen, previously closed businesses are now deemed to occupy their space and are responsible for U&O Tax regardless of whether they restart operations. See the Department's Announcement for more details.

For the Wage Tax, the Department has issued guidance explaining that non-resident employees based in Philadelphia are not subject to the Wage Tax during time they have been ordered to work outside the city. A non-resident who works outside the city for convenience is not exempt. But when the employer requires the employee to work outside the city, he or she is exempt from Wage Tax for days spent working outside the city. An employer may choose to continue to withhold wage tax from 100% of a non-resident employee's compensation. However, this is a business decision, not a requirement. See Wage Tax Policy Guidance for Non-resident Employees (September 9, 2020).

The Department has also clarified that the School Income Tax deadline has not been extended and is due April 15, 2020. Taxpayers who cannot meet this deadline should file an extension and pay an amount equal to prior year tax liability. See School Income Tax (SIT) Payment and Filing Policy Update (April 9, 2020).

The Department has advised that it will not initiate new audit examinations between March 17 and July 15, 2020. Any statute of limitations relating to the filing of refund claims that would have expired on or after April 1, 2020 and before July 15, 2020 are extended to July 15, 2020. See <u>Audit Examinations and Refund Claims Guidance</u> (June 26, 2020).

The Department has issued a new business tax repayment plan program wherein taxpayers who were in tax compliance before March 1, 2020 but are now struggling to make payments can execute an agreement with the state to make tax payments over a period of 12 months. See the Department's **post** for more details.

### Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation has extended tax filings and payments due April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. This extension applies to personal income tax, corporate income tax, estate and trust returns, pass-through withholding returns, single-member LLC returns, bank excise tax returns, and insurance gross premiums tax returns. Estimated tax payments due April 15, 2020 are also extended to July 15, 2020. See the Division's Advisory 2020-11 for a complete listing of extended due dates. The Division has updated its relief to provide

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that filings and payments normally due June 15, 2020 are extended to July 15, 2020. For the full list of returns **Advisory 2020-11** and payments extended, see Advisory 2020-21. **Advisory 2020-21** For taxpayers who are unable to make payments due to economic hardship from COVID-19, the Division has issued Advisory 2020-23 offering a number of options for taxpayer relief. **Advisory 2020-22** The Division has also postponed upcoming administrative hearings. Matters for preliminary review scheduled on **Advisory 2020-23** or before June 1, 2020 will need to be rescheduled or moved to phone conference. All formal administrative hearings are postponed until May 25, 2020. All prehearing conferences and status conferences are not postponed **Advisory 2020-24** but may be rescheduled or moved to phone conference. See the Division's website for more information. Advisory 2020-28 The Division has also posted emergency rule 280-RICR-20-55-14 to address withholding for employees working remotely during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Income earned by nonresidents who pre-COVID-19 worked inside the state but are now working outside the state due to the pandemic will continue to be treated as Rhode Island source income for withholding tax purposes. The Division will not require employers located outside of the state to withhold income taxes on wages of employees who previously worked outside the state but are temporarily working in Rhode Island due to the pandemic. Note, this rule is in effect for 120 days, or up to 180 days if extended, unless the COVID-19 state of emergency in Rhode Island has ended, the Division issues permanent rules, or lastly if the Division enters into withholding agreement with another state. See Advisory 2020-22 for additional details. Note, this regulation has been extended to January 18, 2021. For the duration of Rhode Island's COVID-19 state of emergency, the Division will not establish sales and use or income tax nexus as a result of employees temporarily working in the state. A taxpayer should not consider employees temporarily working in the state as part of its payroll factor for apportionment purposes. See Advisory 2020-24 for additional details. The Division will automatically issue temporary 90-day sales tax permits to those businesses whose permits would not normally be renewed on July 1 due to noncompliance. Affected retailers do not need to contact the Division as the extension is automatic. See Advisory 2020-28. The Division issued guidance in its Newsletter regarding the state's conformity to the CARES Act. Federal economic impact payments issued under the CARES Act are not treated as income for Rhode Island personal income tax purposes and thus not subject to tax. South The South Carolina Department of Revenue has extended the deadline for all taxpayers with income tax, **Information Letter 20-8** franchise tax, franchise tax, or corporate license fee returns and payments due between April 1, 2020 and July Carolina 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Penalties and interest are waived during this time. The deadline for tax year 2020 **Press Release:** quarterly estimated payments due between April 1 and July 15, 2020 is extended to July 15, 2020. Taxpayers **Employment and** are also granted an extension to file refund claims due between April 1 and July 15 to July 15, 2020. See **Workforce Waives the Weekly Search Information Letter 20-8. Requirement for** 

The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce has extended the deadline to pay first quarter unemployment contributions from April 30, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Employers are still required to file their wage reports by April 30, 2020. See <a href="Press Release">Press Release</a>, Employment and Workforce Waives the Weekly Search Requirement for Individuals Who Are Unemployed Due to COVID-19 and Extends the Tax Deadline for Employers (March 19, 2020).

The City and County of Charleston, South Carolina issued a notice on March 17 indicating county and city officials agreed to defer collection of accommodations and hospitality taxes for 90 days. *See City of Charleston Coronavirus March 17 PM Update* (March 17, 2020).

The South Carolina Department of Revenue issued <u>Information Letter 20-11</u> to provide guidance on payroll and nexus implications as a result of employees working in temporary locations. For the period between March 13, 2020 and September 30, 2020 (COVID-19 relief period), South Carolina will not use the temporary change of an employee's work location during the COVID-19 relief period to impose a South Carolina withholding requirement. The state extended the COVID-19 relief period to December 31, 2020 in <u>Information Letter 20-24</u>. The COVID-19 relief period was extended again to June 30, 2021 in <u>Information Letter 20-29</u>. The COVID-19 relief period was extended once more to September 30, 2021, in <u>Information Letter 21-8</u>. Employers must continue to withhold on wages for nonresident employees, who pre-pandemic worked in the state, but are now temporarily working outside the state. Conversely, an out-of-state employer does not need to withhold on wages for South Carolina resident employees, who pre-pandemic worked outside the state, but are now temporarily working in South Carolina. Further the Department will not use changes in an employee's temporary work location during the COVID-19 relief period as a basis for establishing nexus or altering apportionment.

In <u>Information Letter 20-13</u> the Department advised that economic impact payments issued as part of the CARES Act are not taxable for South Carolina personal income tax purposes. In <u>Information Letter 20-15</u>, the Department has clarified that to the extent supplemental unemployment compensation issued as part of the CARES Act is taxable for federal income tax purposes, it is also taxable for South Carolina income tax purposes.

The Department has created a new process for administering admissions tax refund claims. In <u>Information</u> <u>Letter 20-18</u>, the Department describes its new Form L-3060, which will be used to apply for a refund of admissions tax due to cancellation of concerts and sporting events.

In <u>Information Letter 20-23</u>, the Department has advised that COVID-19 surcharges that are part of a sale of tangible personal property are considered includable as gross proceeds of sales and thereby subject to sales tax.

The South Carolina Attorney General released a <u>letter</u> explaining its position on several positions related to delinquent sales tax during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Individuals Who Are
Unemployed Due to
COVID-19 and Extends
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South Dakota	South Dakota Department of Revenue offices are closed until May 4. Taxpayer assistance is available online or by phone.	South Dakota COVID- 19 FAQ Website
	The Department has only extended the bank franchise tax return filing. Taxpayers with a federal tax extension to July 15, 2020 have until July 30, 2020 to file their South Dakota bank franchise tax return. See the Department's FAQ page for more information.	South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation COVID- 19 Response Page
	The Department of Labor and Regulations has issued an exemption from penalties for employers unable to file state unemployment insurance tax returns or timely pay contributions. See the Department's COVID-19 <a href="mage">page</a> for more details.	25 Kesponse ruge
Tennessee	The Tennessee Department of Revenue has extended the deadline for filing and payment of income and franchise tax returns from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. This extension is also applicable to quarterly estimated payments. The October 15, 2020 six-month extension due date is unchanged. See Notice 20-05 (March 2020).	Notice 20-07
	Additionally, the Department has extended the due dates for filing and payment of the Business Tax from April 15, 2020 to June 15, 2020. <i>See Notice 20-07</i> .	Notice 20-11
	The Department has also extended the filing and payment due date for professional privilege tax from June 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020. <i>See Notice 20-11</i> (April 2020).	Executive Order 24
	The Tennessee governor has extended the filing deadline for property tax relief per Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-702(d) from May 5, 2020 to July 1, 2020. See Executive Order 24.	
	Tennessee has created a small business relief program. The Department of Revenue is responsible for issuing relief payments. See the Department's <a href="FAQ">FAQ</a> for information about applying for this program.	
	The Department released <u>guidance</u> related to the CARES Act and its impact on Tennessee franchise and excise tax. The Department does not conform to the CARES Act with respect to changes made to IRC § 168. Tennessee conforms to the business interest expense limitations imposed under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2020 and therefore adopts the changes to IRC 163(j) made under the CARES Act. For tax years after January 1, 2020, Tennessee has decoupled from the TCJA's amendment to IRC § 163(j), such that the deduction for business interest expense is not limited. Tennessee conforms to the CARES Act income exclusion for forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loans. Lastly, Tennessee does not conform to the federal net operating loss statutes and therefore does not conform to changes made by the CARES Act.	
Texas	The Texas comptroller has automatically extended the deadline for filing 2020 franchise tax reports to July 15, 2020. Non-electronic funds transfer franchise taxpayers who pay 90% of the current tax due or 100% of the amount due in the prior year can request an additional extension to January 15, 2021. Electronic funds transfer	Texas Comptroller Franchise Tax Extension Information

Utah	franchise taxpayers who pay 90% of the current tax due or 100% of the amount due in the prior year can request an additional extension to August 15, 2020. See the comptroller's page for more information.  Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar has reminded businesses that the sales tax collected in February 2020 must be remitted by March 20, 2020. Although this may be difficult for businesses due to COVID-19, the tax represents money collected from individual Texans and expected to be available to provide emergency healthcare and support other emergency operations. The comptroller urges businesses to make use of the agency's online tools to meet the March 20 deadline. For taxpayers who must visit the agency's field offices, protocols have been put in place to ensure proper social distancing and protect the safety of both taxpayers and agency employees. Future tax due dates will be examined as they approach. See News Release, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (March 17, 2020).  The Texas Comptroller's Office has suspended the 60-day deadline for businesses to contest audit results. The suspension applies to both redetermination and refund hearings. Interest will not accrue during this time. For more information visit the comptroller's response site.  The Utah State Tax Commission has extended the filing and payment deadline for individual and corporate.	Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar Issues Statement on Sales Tax Deadlines and Coronavirus Pandemic (March 17, 2020)  Texas Comptroller State of Emergency Response Website
Utan	The Utah State Tax Commission has extended the filing and payment deadline for individual and corporate income tax from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. Penalties and interest are waived during the extension period. See News Release (March 26, 2020). The state legislature codified these extensions in House Bill 3003. The legislation matches the federal and state due dates for corporate quarterly estimated income tax payments. The legislation also extends the date for pass-through entity returns to the later of the taxpayer's original filing due date, the day the taxpayer files its federal return, or July 15, 2020.  Additionally, until further notice all appeals before the Tax Commission will be held via telephone conference only.	Utan State Tax Commission Website  Utah State Tax Commission, News Release (March 26, 2020)
Vermont	In response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Vermont Department of Taxes announced that the filing and payment due dates for the following Vermont taxes have been extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020: corporate income tax, personal income tax, homestead declarations and property tax claims, and fiduciary income tax. This includes any tax year 2020 estimated payments that were due for personal income tax, corporate and business/pass-through income tax, and fiduciary and estate income tax on April 15, 2020 and June 15, 2020. Furthermore, taxpayers who are unable to meet the March 25, 2020 and April 25, 2020 sales and use tax deadlines will not be charged any penalty or interest on these taxes for late submissions. See Press Release, Vermont Department of Taxes Releases Guidance on Upcoming Vermont Tax Due Dates (March 23, 2020).	Press Release: Vermont Department of Taxes Releases Guidance on Upcoming Vermont Tax Due Dates (March 23, 2020)  Vermont Department of Taxes FAQ re: COVID-19 Relief

Virginia	Additionally, the Department will not assess penalties and interest for taxpayers that cannot meet the March 25, 2020 or April 25, 2020 due dates for sales and use tax and meals and rooms tax. The filing and payment dates have not been extended and the Department encourages taxpayers who can meet these deadlines to file and pay on time.  The Department posted guidance to its website alerting non-residents temporarily living and working Vermont to their obligation to pay Vermont income taxes on income earned living and performing work in the state. For businesses that have remote workers located in Vermont only on a temporary basis, the state will not require that businesses change their employees' withholding state.  The Department has established emergency rules for hearing procedures. Hearings will continue to be held remotely through either telephone or videoconference. See the Department's Procedures for more information.  The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles has extended the due date of the first quarter International Fuel Tax report due April 30, 2020 to May 26, 2020. See Department of Motor Vehicles, COVID-19 Extension of IFTA First Quarter Return Filing (April 28, 2020). The Department has released an FAQ sheet with its available COVID-19 relief.  The Vermont legislature created economic recovery grants for eligible Vermont businesses as part of its COVID-19 relief efforts. The Department of Taxes has posted eligibility requirements and information to apply on its website. Per updated FAQs, the Department is not taking new applications.  The Virginia Department of Taxation issued a bulletin regarding income tax payment deadlines as a result of the	Virginia Tax
	COVID-19 crisis. All income tax payments due between April 1, 2020 and June 1, 2020 can be submitted to the Department any time on or before June 1, 2020. The Department will automatically waive late payment penalties as long as full payment is received by June 1, 2020. If the full amount is not paid by June 1, 2020, the penalty waiver will not apply, and late payment penalties will accrue from the original date that the payment was due. Interest will continue to accrue from the original date of the payment, so those who are able to pay are encouraged to do so. The following taxes are eligible for the payment extension and penalty waiver: individual, corporate, fiduciary income taxes, and any estimated income tax payments during this period. The waiver does not provide a filing extension and all returns are due by their relevant due dates. Virginia does provide an automatic filing extension to all taxpayers for up to six months (seven months for certain corporations), and no application is required to apply the extension. See Virginia Tax Bulletin 20-4.  The Department has offered an automatic waiver of interest for income tax payments due from April 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. The waiver applies if full payment is made by June 1, 2020. The waiver applies to tax year 2019 individual, corporate, or fiduciary income tax returns. See Virginia Tax Bulletin 20-5.	Coronavirus Updates  Virginia Tax Bulletin 20-4  Virginia Tax Bulletin 20-5
Washington	Upon request, the Washington Department of Revenue will provide extensions for filing and paying tax returns (even if the request is after the due date). This only applies to returns that are due and not already paid during the state of emergency (Feb. 29, 2020, through the end of the state of emergency, yet to be determined).	Business Relief During COVID-19 Pandemic (3/18/20)

- 60 days for monthly returns (this applies to the February 2020 and March 2020 returns at this time)
- 30 days for the O1/2020 return
- 30 days for the Annual 2019 return

For quarterly filers, the quarter 1 2020 return is now due June 30, 2020. For annual filers, the annual 2019 return is due June 15, 2020. This action addresses a broad range of taxes: business and occupation tax, real estate excise tax, and other taxes administered by the Department including tax deferrals for biotechnology and medical device manufacturing.

Through <u>Executive Order 20-20.7</u>, the governor has extended waiver and suspension of tax penalties, interest, fees, and due dates through the earlier of the termination of the state of emergency or October 1, 2020.

The Department will delay scheduling audits of businesses that have gross income of less than \$5 million in the past year or are a business identified by in the governor's proclamation until mid-May. For audits in progress, the Department will work with taxpayers to either issue the audit or provide a 60-day extension.

The Department also explained that alcohol sold for sanitizing purposes is not subject to spirits taxes. Further, alcohol sold for sanitizing purposes is subject to Washington B&O tax and retail sales tax. However, sellers will be allowed a multiple activities credit. Alcohol sales to a free hospital are exempt from sales tax. Bona fide donations of alcohol to hospitals, clinics, and first responders are not subject to B&O tax. See <u>Tax Topic</u>, Sales of Alcohol for Sanitizing Purposes.

The Department has advised sales made directly to the American Red Cross or US government are exempt from retail sales tax. However sales made to employees of the American Red Cross or US government are not exempt. Free meals offered to people other than employees are not subject to retail sales tax. See <u>Tax Topic</u>, Additional information for restaurants – COVID-19.

### Seattle, Washington

The Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) has deferred business and occupation (B&O) tax collections for eligible business owners, allowing small business owners increased flexibility during a period of financial duress caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Further, the FAS has offered deferred B&O payment options for businesses impacted by COVID-19. Eligible businesses include those that have annual taxable income of \$5 million or less and currently pay city taxes on a quarterly basis. Businesses will have until late 2020 to pay their B&O under this plan. The city estimates that 20,000 businesses could be eligible for this, based on B&O reporting.

See <u>Press Release</u>, Following Outreach to Small Business Owners, Mayor Durkan Announces Initial Recovery Package to Ease Financial Impacts of COVID-19 Outbreak (March 10, 2020).

Tax Topic: Sales of Alcohol for Sanitizing Purposes

Tax Topic: Additional information for restaurants – COVID-19

Press Release:
Following Outreach to
Small Business
Owners, Mayor Durkan
Announces Initial
Recovery Package to
Ease Financial Impacts
of COVID-19 Outbreak:
Deferral of B&O Taxes

### West Virginia

The West Virginia State Tax Department has extended the April 15, 2020 payment and filing due date for individual, trusts and estates, and corporate income taxpayers to July 15, 2020. Tax year 2020 estimated payments due between April 15, 2020 and June 15, 2020 are also extended to July 15, 2020. Penalties and interest are waived during the extension period and will only accrue for unpaid balances on or after July 16, 2020. See Administrative Notice 2020-16 (March 26, 2020).

West Virginia State Tax Department COVID-19 Response Website

Through <u>Executive Order No. 13-20</u>, the governor of West Virginia declared that second-half 2019 ad valorem property taxes that would be delinquent on April 1, 2020 are not delinquent until May 1, 2020.

Administrative Notice 2020-16

The West Virginia State Tax Department has suspended in-person services. Additionally, in-person contact with revenue agents, property appraisers, and field audits at taxpayer locations is suspended. For more information, visit the Department's **COVID-19 response page**.

Executive Order No. 13-20

The city collector of the City of Charleston issued a statement regarding its City Service Fee (User Fee). The User Fee has not been waived or suspended. Employers located in the city should continue to remit the fee even though employees are working outside the city. Conversely, Charleston residents who are temporarily working from home and are employed by employers located outside the city should not have the User Fee withheld. See the city's **Announcement** on its site.

### Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has extended corporate income tax, personal income tax, and pass-through withholding returns and payments due between April 1, 2020 and July 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. The extension applies to individuals, trusts, estates, partnerships, associations, companies, and corporations. Taxpayers do not have to file any extension forms to be eligible for the new due date, and there is no limit on the amount of payment to be postponed. Lastly, there will be no interest or penalty imposed for the period of April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020. See <a href="News Release">News Release</a>, Department of Revenue Moves Deadlines (April 13, 2020). Taxpayers may also request a one-month extension to file withholding deposit reports (Form WT-6), sales and use tax returns, and excise tax returns. This is not an extension to pay and interest will be imposed during the extension period.

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Additionally, small businesses can request an extension to file sales and use tax returns due March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and returns due April 30, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Payments remain due on the original filing deadlines. The DOR will not assess penalties if returns are filed by the extended due dates. Interest will be assessed on unpaid balances unless the legislature allows the DOR to waive interest. See News Release, Department of Revenue Announces Immediate Help for Small Businesses on Sales Taxes and Other Steps to Help Taxpayers in Response to COVID-19 (March 27, 2020).

News Release:
Department of
Revenue Moves
Deadlines

The Department has provided a useful chart for various return deadlines. *See Notice*, Wisconsin Tax Return Due Dates and Payments (March 25, 2020).

News Release:
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Immediate Help for
Small Businesses on
Sales Taxes and Other
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Governor Tony Evers signed <u>Wisconsin Act 185</u> which adopts certain provisions of the CARES Act. Specifically, Wisconsin has adopted the following:

	<ul> <li>Section 1106 detailing loan forgiveness</li> <li>Section 2202 regarding special rules for use of retirement funds</li> <li>Section 2203 providing a temporary waiver of required minimum distribution rules for certain retirement plans and accounts</li> <li>Section 2204 allowing partial above-the-line deduction for charitable contributions</li> <li>Section 2205 modifying limitations on charitable contributions during 2020</li> <li>Section 2206 excluding certain employer payments of student loans</li> <li>Section 2307 providing technical amendments regarding qualified improvement property</li> <li>Section 3608 detailing single-employer plan funding rules</li> <li>Section 3609 applying cooperative and small employer charity pension plan rules to certain charitable employers whose primary exempt purpose is providing services with respect to mothers and children</li> <li>Section 3701 providing an exemption for telehealth services</li> </ul>	
Wyoming		
Puerto Rico	The Puerto Rico Treasury Department has extended the deadline for returns and payments of various taxes. Income tax returns with a deadline of March 15, 2020 are extended to June 15, 2020. Income tax returns with an original or extended due date of April 15, 2020, May 15, 2020, or June 15, 2020 are extended to July 15, 2020. Informative returns filed by employers and withholding agents are extended from March 31, 2020 to May 15, 2020. March 2020 sales and use tax returns due April 20, 2020 are extended to May 20, 2020. April 2020 sales and use tax returns due May 20, 2020 are extended to June 22, 2020. May 2020 sales and use tax returns due June 22, 2020 are extended to July 20, 2020. For additional information see the Department's Administrative Decision No. 20-09.	Administrative Decision No. 20-09