

Views from a Tax Perspective – Elliott Davis
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Questions for Tax presentation:

- 1) **When a deceased family member received the economic impact payment, what guidance do you have in trying to get those funds returned?** The IRS has provided instructions on its website at <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center#returning>.

If you received a check by mail:

- Simply write “VOID” in the endorsement section on the back of the check
- Mail the voided Treasury check to the appropriate IRS location (per the website)
- Don’t staple, bend, or paper clip the check
- Include a note stating the reason for returning the check

If you received the check via direct deposit or have already cashed the check:

- Submit a personal check, money order, etc. to the appropriate IRS location (per the website)
- Write on the check made payable to “U.S. Treasury” and write 2020EIP, and the taxpayer identification number (social security number or individual taxpayer identification number) of the recipient of the check.
- Include a brief explanation for returning the EIP.

- 2) **Does the investment for UBTI have to meet both the de-minimis test and the control test, or only one?** The proposed regulations issued April 23, 2020 providing guidance on the unrelated business taxable income “silo” rule are complex. In general, unrelated business taxable income from Qualifying Partnership Interests (QPI) can be aggregated if it meets EITHER a de-minimis test or a control test, but not both.
- 3) **If a Government disburses CARES Act funds to a small for-profit business, should this disbursement be reported as a taxable grant on the 1099-G? I do not see a Sec. 139 exemption as this exemption applies to individuals only? Thoughts?** This would require additional research and is beyond the scope of the presentation.
- 4) **The 1098-F should be issued to only those involved in a trade or business (Sec 162)? Correct?** This would require additional research and is beyond the scope of the presentation.
- 5) **Are you required to now contract with a business to file the 990 electronically?** You have the option of purchasing software that is e-file compatible and registering directly with the IRS to e-file Form 990 “in-house”. As an alternative, you can locate an authorized IRS e-file provider using a tool on the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/authorized-irs-e-file-providers-for-individuals>.

- 6) **If we find that we need to verbally contact the IRS, what is your recommendation for speaking with someone?** The IRS has added phone reps to help with the huge volume of calls that are not being answered. The process is still incredibly inefficient since the IRS is comprised of a workforce that sorts mail by hand and conducts business by fax. COVID19 hit during the thick of tax season and there are millions of untouched correspondence piled into 53-foot trailers at nearby postal processing centers. The backlog of work at the IRS right now is incredible. Workers were only required to report to their offices on June 1st. Work is still trying to be handled remotely. For questions that aren't about stimulus checks, you can try calling the Taxpayer Advocate Service, which is an independent organization within the IRS set up to help taxpayers work with the IRS. The phone numbers for Taxpayer Advocate Offices can be found on the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/advocate/local-taxpayer-advocate>. Listed below are other lesser-known IRS phone numbers that might get you help faster.
- 7) **Is the filing limit for the 1099-nec \$50,000?** Answered during Q&A. The filing threshold for 1099-NEC is \$600. The filing threshold for 1098-F is \$50,000.
- 8) **Exactly what type of loss of income can be used with the CARES funds?** Answered in a separate email to Larna Griffin, Deputy Director of Financial Services, State Education Assistance Authority on June 5, 2020.

TOPIC	IRS PHONE NUMBER
Stimulus check wrong amount or never received	800-919-9835
Self-employed taxpayers with account or tax law questions	800-829-4933
Identity and refund theft victims	800-908-4490
Disaster victims	866-562-5227
Overseas taxpayers	267-941-1000
Balance due questions	800-829-0922; 800-829-7650; 800-829-3903
Estate and gift tax questions	866-699-4083
Excise tax questions	866-699-4096
Report phishing and other scams; see if an IRS agent's name and badge number are legit	800-366-4484
Check status of a tax refund	800-829-1954
Check status of a tax refund being held	866-897-3315
Check status of an amended tax return	866-464-2050
Order a tax transcript	800-908-9946
Make a payment using Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	800-555-4477 800-244-4829 (Spanish)
Report incorrect income on a substitute return	866-681-4271
Verify, payoff or resolve a tax lien	800-913-6050
See if bankruptcy changed your tax debt	800-973-0424
Innocent spouse relief	866-681-4271
Lost ITIN documents	800-908-9982
Status of application for Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number	737-800-5511
Taxpayer Advocate Service	877-777-4778
International Taxpayer Advocate, English	787-522-8601
International Taxpayer Advocate, Spanish	787-522-8600
For the hearing impaired (TTY/TDD)	800-829-4059
Schedule an appointment with a local IRS office	844-545-5640
Whistleblower hotline	800-829-0433
Tax preparers and tax pros with account or tax law questions	800-829-8374

Tax preparers and tax pros with e-filing questions	866-255-0654
Tax practitioner priority service	866-860-4259
Overseas tax professionals	512-416-7750; 267-941-1000
Corporate taxpayers, partnerships and nonprofits	866-255-0654
Nonprofits with tax law or filing questions	877-829-5500
Government and tax-exempt entities	877-829-5500
International businesses that want an Employer Identification Number (EIN)	267-941-1099
Domestic employers, payers and transmitters who need e-filing tech support	866-455-7438
International employers, payers and transmitters who need e-filing tech support	304-263-8700