Whitmer

Governor Whitmer Secures Bipartisan Support to Give Michiganders More Time to File Individual State Income Tax Returns

March 19, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 19, 2021

Contact: Ron Leix, leixr@michigan.gov

Governor Whitmer Secures Bipartisan Support to Give Michiganders More Time to File Individual State Income Tax Returns

Taxpayers Can Now File Tax Returns and Make Payments by May 17, 2021

LANSING, Mich. - State of Michigan individual income tax annual returns are now due on May 17, 2021, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The new filing deadline comes after the Internal Revenue Service extended its deadline to the same date. For the benefit and convenience of taxpayers, both the beginning and end of income tax filing season are the same as the IRS.

"I'm happy to announce that we are giving Michiganders extra time on their taxes this year," said Governor Whitmer. "This has been a difficult year for everyone, and by moving the income tax payment date, I hope families have the buffer they need to

get their finances in order. I am grateful for the money going out to Michiganders under the American Rescue Plan and proud of the state-level pandemic relief we've delivered to families and small businesses. Together, we'll build our economy back better."

"Taxpayers are trying to understand how the federal stimulus and the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting their taxes," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "We are continuously evaluating how we can assist taxpayers. Changing the state's filing and payment deadlines can help individuals figure out their next steps as we navigate these extraordinary times."

"Our members have been adamant to find relief everywhere we can for the people of the State of Michigan," said Matt Hall, chairman of the House Tax Policy committee. "We have been prepared with legislation to extend the April 15 filing deadline this year and we're grateful that Treasury and the administration are working to waive penalties and interest in the meantime."

"Federal COVID-19 relief, including moving the due date for individual income tax returns to May 17, is vital to our recovery as a state," said House Democratic Leader Donna Lasinski, D-Scio Twp. "We need to do everything we can to get relief to Michigan workers, small businesses, families and schools impacted most by the COVID-19 pandemic; extending the deadline to file taxes is a part of what is needed and the right thing to do."

Under a Taxpayer Notice issued by the state Treasury Department, state individual income tax annual returns and payments are now due before 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2021.

Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request an extension to Oct. 15, 2021. Taxpayers requesting additional time to file should estimate their tax liability and pay any taxes owed by May 17, 2021, to avoid additional interest and penalties.

Because the extension is limited to the 2020 taxes, first quarter estimates for tax year 2021 remain due on April 15, 2021.

Taxpayers who are owed a refund are encouraged to file their state income tax returns so they can receive their refunds. More information about e-filing is available at www.michigan.gov/mifastfile.

Changes to city income tax deadlines require state legislation.

"It is imperative the Michigan Legislature quickly pass legislation extending the city

tax deadline in our state to parallel the recent extension at the federal level," Sen. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) said. "Hardworking Detroiters and their families have disproportionately struggled in countless ways during the pandemic, and this small but significant gesture would go a long way toward ensuring all parties are accounted for this tax season."

To learn more about Michigan's taxes, go to www.michigan.gov/taxes or follow the state Treasury Department on Twitter at @MITreasury.

###

MI Newswire Governor Governor

Related News

Governor Whitmer's 2023 State of the State Address as Prepared for Delivery

Governor Whitmer Announces L&L Products Investing $25 Million to Expand in Romeo, Creating Up to 65 Advanced Manufacturing Jobs

Governor Whitmer Continues Mission to Pitch More Michigan Jobs, Advanced Manufacturing Industry Opportunities During Day Two of European Investment Mission

January 18, 2023: Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day

January 17, 2023: Day of Racial Healing

January 16, 2023: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16-22, 2023: Community Risk Reduction Week

Gov. Whitmer's Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Initiative Expands to Include Doula Services for Medicaid Recipients

Governor Whitmer Makes Appointment to Board of State Canvassers

Gov. Whitmer Announces Awards to Build or Improve Nearly 700 Affordable Housing Units Across Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Governor Whitmer Secures Bipartisan Support to Give Michiganders More Time to File Individual State Income Tax Returns

Copyright State of Michigan