

## A note to our community about the coronavirus (COVID-19)

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to affect local communities and global economies, we want you to know that maintaining business continuity is a priority for us. We're working to minimize disruptions and impacts to you so that we can still offer the same level of superior service and support you have come to expect from our team.

## Protecting our clients and staff

We have implemented procedures to protect the health and safety of our staff, clients and community. Our firm remains operational and we are available to serve you. However, most of the staff is working remotely and the best form of communications are: email and phone calls. Please contact us for best ways to submit information and get your returns.

#### Relief available

COVID-19 has probably caused some concerns about your financial well-being. However, there are relief measures available that may benefit you, such as:

- The IRS (and Massachusetts) extended the April 15, 2020 federal income tax filing and payment deadline to July 15, 2020. However, we continue to work on filing returns as soon as possible.
- Federal first quarter estimated tax payments usually due April 15, 2020 are now extended to July 15, 2020. (Stay tuned for MA treatment).
- Most states are also providing tax relief for individuals and businesses.
- Emergency paid sick and family leave benefits are available to employees (with some limitations and exceptions).

- Employers, including those self-employed, have available refundable tax credits to offset the costs for providing coronavirus-related leave benefits.
- Unemployment benefits have been expanded to include self-employed individuals and independent contractors.

# Helpful resources

Resources are also available to address some of your concerns.

- AICPA Coronavirus Resource Center
- AICPA State Tax Filing Relief Chart for Coronavirus
- IRS Coronavirus Resource Center
- U.S. Small Business Administration: Coronavirus Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources

## Our commitment to you

Whether you have tax or financial planning questions or need advice on ways to navigate business challenges, we're here for you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

During this unpredictable and challenging time, it's more important than ever to stay connected. We're in this together.

From all of us at Anthony & Dodge, PC, thank you for your continued support.