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IRS Open On Monday; Agency Cuts Costs, Cancels July 22 Furlough

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service is cancelling the furlough day scheduled for Monday, July 22 due to its successful ongoing efforts to cut costs.

As a result, IRS offices will be open as usual and IRS employees will be paid for that day. This means that all toll-free services, including the <u>Taxpayer Advocate Service</u>, will follow their regular Monday schedule, as will most of the agency's taxpayer assistance centers nationwide. Taxpayers should check IRS.gov for days of service and hours as well as services offered at the location they plan to visit.

Taxpayers can often get the tax information they need or resolve a tax problem without having to call or visit an IRS office. A wide variety of web-based online tools and phone-based automated services are available including Where's My Refund?, the Online Payment Agreement, Withholding Calculator, Order A Transcript, EITC Assistant, Interactive Tax Assistant, Tele-Tax, the Online Look-up Tool for those needing to repay the first-time homebuyer credit and the online preparer tax identification number PTIN system for tax professionals. Visit online tools on IRS.gov to learn more about these tools.

So far, the IRS has taken three furlough days on May 24, June 14 and July 5, due to the budget situation including the sequester. The IRS is considering the status of the scheduled furlough day, Friday, Aug. 30, and will make an appropriate announcement before that date.