

# QuickAlerts Messages April 2020

## QuickAlerts – April 6, 2020

**Subject:** Economic Impact Payment (EIP) Zero Liability Guidance is Available

Guidance for filing individual returns with zero liability for the Economic Impact Payment is available in the e-Services mailbox Secure Object Repository (SOR).

To access this file, named "EIP Zero Liability Guidance", you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

If you have the appropriate role and do not have this available for download in your e-Services mailbox within 48 hours, please contact the MeF Mailbox with the Company Name, ETIN and name of the document needed.

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## QuickAlerts – April 10, 2020

**Subject:** Two MeF Business Rules for Forms 941 and 941SS(PR) are now disabled for Tax Year 2020

The IRS has disabled two MeF Business Rules (BRs) for Forms 941 and 941SS(PR) for Tax Year 2020 in both the Assurance Testing System (ATS) and Production.

The Business Rules disabled are F941-021 and F941SSPR-021.

Please visit the [Modernized e-file \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov for more information about MeF Schemas and Business Rules.

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## QuickAlerts – April 13, 2020

**Subject:** Update for Tax Professionals

IRS operations to process third-party authorizations are now closed. Please do not fax requests for Centralized Authorization File (CAF) numbers until further notice.

The Income Verification Express Service also is temporarily on hold. Possible alternative for tax administration purposes: clients can go to Get Transcript Online, create an account to verify their identities and immediately review or print a tax transcript.

Our efforts to protect IRS employees, taxpayers and our stakeholders mean extremely limited services are currently available.

The IRS is unable to process paper tax returns, respond to paper correspondence or staff toll-free live service lines. Please use all electronic options available to you on IRS.gov or through your tax software provider.

See: [IRS urges taxpayers to use electronic options; outlines online assistance](#).

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## QuickAlerts – April 13, 2020

**Subject:** New Form 1040 Series Business Rule Change Pages are Available

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download schemas and business rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

**Tax Year 2019 Business Rule Change Pages are available.**

**Business Rules Only:**

- 1040 Series 2019v5.1 (Change Pages Only)

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You may have more than one message in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. Messages remain for 30 days then are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download in your e-Services mailbox within 48 hours, please contact the MeF Mailbox with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with tax year needed.

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## QuickAlerts – April 14, 2020

**Subject:** New MeF Business Returns Schemas and Business Rules are Available

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download schemas and business rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

**Tax Year 2019 / Processing Year 2020 Schemas and Business Rules are available:**

Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 1065 2019v5.2
- Form 2290 2020v1.0

**Change Pages:**

- Form 941 2020v1.0
- Form 941SS 2020v1.0
- Form 1041 2019v1.5
- Form 1120x 2019v5.1
- Form 7004 2019v1.0

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#### QuickAlerts – April 15, 2020

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Unscheduled Maintenance Window

The MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments are currently unavailable due to unscheduled maintenance.

A follow-up Quick Alert will be issued when both environments are fully operational.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems during this maintenance.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status page](#) for any future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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#### QuickAlerts – April 15, 2020

**Subject:** Unscheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System

The AIR Production and AATS environments are unavailable until further notice, due to unscheduled maintenance. A QuickAlerts bulletin will be issued when the AIR Production and AATS environments are available.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR System via the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) Channels during the maintenance period.

Please monitor the [AIR System Operational Status Page](#) for any updates.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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#### QuickAlerts – April 15, 2020

**Subject:** Update - Unscheduled Maintenance for Modernized e-File (MeF) is Complete

The MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments are fully operational. The unscheduled maintenance is complete.

Thank you for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status page](#) for any future updates.

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### QuickAlerts – April 15, 2020

**Subject:** Update - Unscheduled Maintenance for Modernized e-File (MeF) is Complete

The MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments are fully operational. The unscheduled maintenance is complete.

Thank you for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status page](#) for any future updates.

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### QuickAlerts – April 15, 2020

**Subject:** Update - Unscheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System is Complete

The AIR Production and AATS (ACA Assurance Testing System) environments are fully operational. The unscheduled maintenance is complete.

Please monitor the [AIR System Operational Status](#) page for any updates.

Thank you for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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### QuickAlerts – April 16, 2020

**Subject:** Forms 941 Series COVID-19 Related MeF Business Rules and Schema Changes

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download the 941 Series Changes document named "MeF 941 COVID Updates TY2020" from their e-Services mailbox.

This document provides a detailed overview of COVID-19 related Business Rules and Schema changes for the 2020 filing season beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR. We do not anticipate major changes between this document and the official change pages and schema packages, which will be provided as soon as they become available.

To access this document, you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. The Software Developer provider option must have an associated tax type of 1120, 1065, 1041, 990, 1120POL, 940, 941 or 94x.

You may have more than one message in your account. Please open all of them to find the document you would like to download. Messages remain for 30 days then are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have this document available for download in your e-Services mailbox within 48 hours, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) at [mefmailbox@irs.gov](mailto:mefmailbox@irs.gov) with the Company Name, ETIN and document name.

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## QuickAlerts – April 17, 2020

### **Subject:** Update for Reporting Agents

Our efforts to protect IRS employees, taxpayers, and our stakeholders mean extremely limited services are currently available. The IRS is unable to process paper tax returns, respond to paper correspondence, or staff toll-free live-service lines.

Please use all electronic options available to you on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Here's information specifically for reporting agents and payroll professionals:

<https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/update-for-reporting-agents>

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## QuickAlerts – April 23, 2020

### **Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Rule updates due to Notice 2020-23

On April 9, 2020, the IRS published Notice 2020-23, Update to Notice 2020-18, Additional Relief for Taxpayers Affected by Ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic. The Treasury Department and IRS are providing additional relief to taxpayers, postponing until July 15, 2020, a variety of tax form filings and payment obligations that are due between April 1, 2020, and July 14, 2020. The IRS is in the process of updating MeF business rules to allow for the relief.

The following business rules were disabled on Friday, April 17, 2020, and will be updated in early May. The Tax Year (TY) and associated form(s) are listed with the rule number.

FPYMT-021-03, TY 2019, Form 1065, Form 1120-S	FPYMT-029-03, TY 2019, Form 1065, Form 1120-S
FPYMT-093, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL	FPYMT-094, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL
FPYMT-107, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL	FPYMT-108, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL
F7004-009-03, TY 2019, Form 7004	F8868-054, TY2019, Form 8868
F8868-054, TY2019, Form 8868	F7004-003-03, TY 2019, Form 7004
F8868-048, TY2019, Form 8868	F8868-053, TY2019, Form 8868
F8868-054, TY2018, Form 8868	F8868-048, TY2018, Form 8868
F8868-053, TY2018, Form 8868	F990PF-053-01, TY2018, TY2019, Form 990-PF
F990PF-064-01, TY2018, TY2019, Form 990-PF	FPYMT-109, TY2018, TY2019, Form 990-PF

### **The following business rules will be updated in early May:**

FPYMT-072-01, TY 2019, Form 1041	FPYMT-074-01, TY 2019, Form 1041
FPYMT-095, TY 2019, Form 1120, Form 1120-F	FPYMT-096, TY 2019, Form 1120, Form 1120-F
FPYMT-096, TY 2019, Form 1120, Form 1120-F	FPYMT-100, TY 2019, Form 1041
FPYMT-101, TY 2019, Form 1041	FPYMT-104, TY 2019, Form 1120
FPYMT-105, TY 2019, Form 1120	

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#### QuickAlerts – April 26, 2020

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Extended Maintenance Window

The MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments are currently unavailable due to an extended scheduled maintenance build window on Sunday, April 26, 2020. A follow-up Quick Alert will be issued when both environments are fully operational.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems during this maintenance.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status page](#) for any future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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#### QuickAlerts – April 26, 2020

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Operational Status Update

The MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments are fully operational now. Thank you for your patience.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status page](#) for any future updates.

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#### QuickAlerts – April 26, 2020

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Rule updates due to Notice 2020-23

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FPYMT-093, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL	FPYMT-094, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL
FPYMT-107, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL	FPYMT-108, TY 2019, Form 1120-POL
F7004-009-03, TY 2019, Form 7004	F8868-054, TY2019, Form 8868
F7004-003-03, TY 2019, Form 7004	F8868-048, TY2019, Form 8868

F8868-053, TY2019, Form 8868	F8868-054, TY2018, Form 8868
F8868-048, TY2018, Form 8868	F8868-053, TY2018, Form 8868
F990PF-053-01, TY2018, TY2019, Form 990-PF	F990PF-064-01, TY2018, TY2019, Form 990-PF
FPYMT-109, TY2018, TY2019, Form 990-PF	

**The following business rules will be updated in early May:**

FPYMT-072-01, TY 2019, Form 1041	FPYMT-074-01, TY 2019, Form 1041
FPYMT-095, TY 2019, Form 1120, Form 1120-F	FPYMT-096, TY 2019, Form 1120, Form 1120-F
FPYMT-100, TY 2019, Form 1041	FPYMT-101, TY 2019, Form 1041
FPYMT-104, TY 2019, Form 1120	FPYMT-105, TY 2019, Form 1120

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### QuickAlerts – April 30, 2020

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Extended Maintenance Window

MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments will be unavailable due to maintenance from 12:01 a.m. Eastern through 9:00 a.m. Eastern on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems during this maintenance.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status page](#) for any future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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