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| **COVID-19 - Updates regarding tax deadlines and guidance on state filings**Like you, we have watched the Coronavirus crisis carefully. We understand your concerns and we share them. In keeping with our duty to provide our clients with the highest level of service, we’d like to share with you what we’re doing to help keep you safe and connected during a time of uncertainty.We are monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation closely and are working to ensure we meet the needs of our clients as well as provide for the health and safety of our employees. We realize this health situation has already been disruptive to many businesses across the globe, and as a firm proudly serving individuals and the business community, we know how critical the communication we provide is in helping our clients maintain their business during difficult and complex times like these.Like many others, we are following closely the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the local U.S. Health authorities. We are actively working with our teams to ensure they have the most accurate and up-to-date information from the CDC and local organizations as we navigate this situation together. While our firm remains open, we are recommending that all of our associates take additional precautionary health measures as well.* **At this time, the IRS is still considering whether to extend the tax filing deadline, which may provide some relief to small businesses and individuals who are vulnerable to the economic impact of a Coronavirus outbreak.** For the time being, individual federal income tax returns for tax year 2019 are still due on or before April 15th, 2020. Rest assured, our firm is here to keep you up-to-date on any changes regarding tax deadlines and guidance on state filings during the Coronavirus Pandemic.
* **As we gain clarity on legislation passed and understand the access to resources for business, we will share them with you.** Congressional leaders are negotiating fiscal-stimulus measures to provide relief for the Coronavirus Pandemic. Current pending legislation provides sick leave for employees and tax credits for sick leave for businesses. As these measures become law, we will be ready to answer your questions.
* **For your individual business, we will be sharing information with you on what you can expect in the coming days and weeks regarding deadlines.** We understand that this extraordinary situation is impacting your business, and we're here to help. You can reach out to your HTB representative during normal business hours, as we are working diligently around the clock to ensure that wherever you are, we are there to support you.
* **At this time, we are asking all of our attest teams to work from the office, for their safety and yours.** Our  teams are equipped with the technology to work remotely, and our goal is to continue to serve your needs throughout this time of disruption to normal business operations.
* **You can access information and updates on the affects of COVID-19 on your business** [here](https://htbcpa.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3ac1ad8124ee37a62cf381f34&id=cb26290830&e=cc037f18a8)**.**We will be posting updates as we receive them.

As the situation evolves, please know that we stand ready to serve you and your business’ needs both during this crisis and the aftermath to follow.  |

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