

# Navigating tax implications during COVID-19

## Immediate actions to take

### Revise approach based on tax stimulus package

With careful navigation, the new stimulus package can help to provide cash flow and generate tax minimization. Significant new benefits include:

- Deferring the 6.2% employer portion of Social Security tax
- 5-year NOL carrybacks for losses in 2018, 2019 and 2020, with no “haircut” for claiming against the 35% rate, and with the 80% taxable income limit suspended until 2021
- Corporate AMT credits immediately refundable
- Interest limitation now 50% of taxable income for 2019 and 2020, and taxpayers can use 2019 income limit for 2020
- QIP eligible for bonus depreciation
- Suspending the limit on deducting business losses in excess of \$250,000 or \$500,000 until 2021
- Refundable employee retention credit of up to \$5,000 for paying wages while the business is suspended or gross receipts drop by 50%

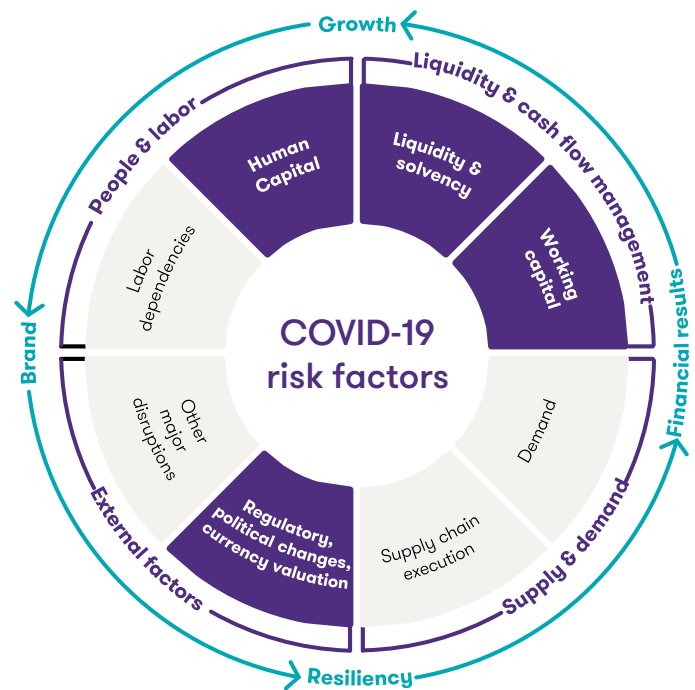
### Seize other tax savings for liquidity

Companies can also increase tax savings through:

- Deferring revenue or accelerating expenses through accounting method changes
- Different annualization methods for computing estimated taxes to reduce 2020 Q1 estimated tax payments
- Form 4466 (quick refund of overpayment of estimated tax)
- Reducing expenses, e.g. write down partially worthless bad debts, treat charitable contributions of inventory as COGS, capitalize interest under Section 163(j)
- Evaluating worthless/abandonment losses and debt restructuring to generate deductions
- Assessing all global tax attributes (i.e. deferred tax assets) for monetization strategies
- Exploring changes to compensation & benefit plans (health, retirement, deferred compensation plans)
- Examining state and local tax areas for deferrals, overpayments and opportunities for savings (sales & use, VAT, income & franchise, real property, unclaimed property)

### Prepare for new Paid Leave Law

Employers will need to expand/revise tracking systems for leave to comply with the new Paid Leave Law and claim the payroll tax credit. Companies can also develop a cost analysis for the paid leave and projected income from the tax credits, which can be used for cashflow planning purposes.



Resiliency starts with mitigating risk and continues with quickly seizing opportunities for better cash flow and tax savings.

## At the ready to help you

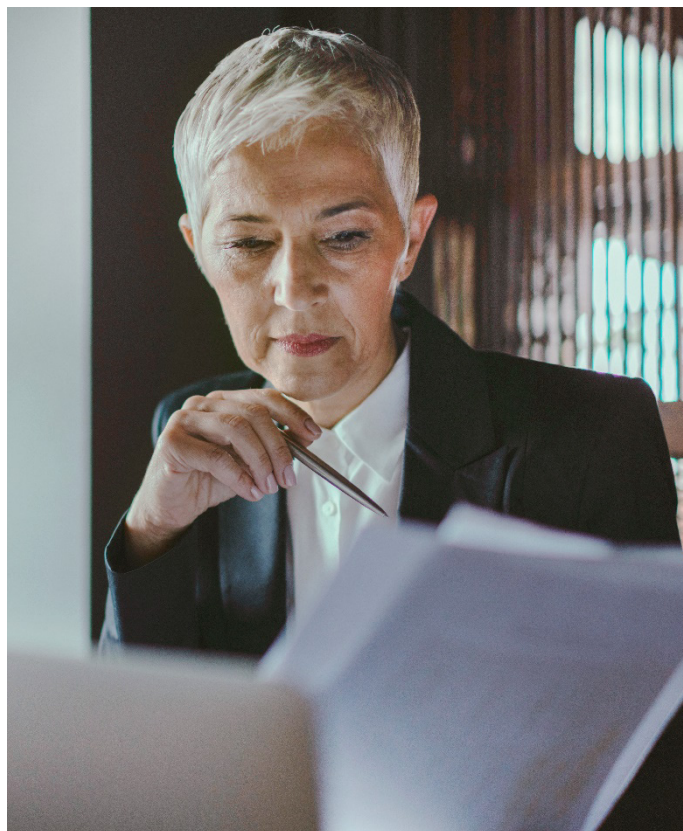
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  - External factors
  - People & labor



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