



What We Will Prepare When 2020 Tax Season

Site opening through Sunday, February 16:

- Basic returns for 2019

During this timeframe, we will not prepare onsite amendments, years prior to 2019, or Advanced returns (such as those with income from self-employment or contract work or those with a 1095-A reflecting health insurance coverage through the Marketplace). However, clients with these types of returns may elect, at any point in the season, to have their return(s) prepared through Drop Off. The Drop Off program will accept all years and all types of in-scope returns, including state returns.

Monday, February 17 through Wednesday, April 15

- Basic
- Advanced (e.g. returns with a Schedule C, 1095-A)
- 2019 and prior years*
- Amendments

Message to clients:

*Beginning February 17, we will prepare onsite both Basic and Advanced returns, amended returns, and returns for tax years 2016 through 2018. [Returns for tax years prior to 2016 must be prepared through Drop Off due to software constraints.] State returns must always be prepared through Drop Off.

Exceptions:

Based on site capacity, the site manager may, prior to February 17, prepare amendments, prior year returns (for tax years 2016 – 2018), and/or Advanced returns. The site manager will take into consideration factors such as volume of client traffic, availability of volunteers, and certification level of volunteers.

In the final week of the tax season, managers may prioritize 2016 and 2019 returns, as returns for TY 2019 are due April 15, 2020 and returns for TY 2016 generally must be filed by April 15, 2020 in order for the taxpayer to receive a refund (if applicable). Taxpayers unable to file a tax return for a different tax year before the end of the regular filing season have the option to return during our June - October tax season to complete the return(s).

We are not able to prepare 1040NRs or 1040PRs in the VITA or Special Tax Services programs.