

Are you facing pressure meeting your SEC filing deadlines because of facility shut-downs, work restrictions or employee absences relating to COVID-19?

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On March 4, 2020, the SEC announced conditional regulatory relief to public companies impacted by the COVID-19 granting them extra 45 days to file Annual Reports on Forms 10-K or Form 20-F and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q due between March 1 and April 30, 2020.

As a condition to taking advantage of the filing extension, affected companies must make a filing on Form 8-K or 6-K explaining, among other things, (1) why the extra time is needed, (2) when the company expects to file the forms, and (3) if needed, a risk factor explaining the impact of the coronavirus on the company's business. The explanatory filing must be made by March 16 or the original filing date of the affected report, whichever date is later.

The SEC order also exempts companies from the obligation to deliver required proxy statements, annual reports and other soliciting materials to security holders if (1) the security holder has a mailing address in an area where, as a result of coronavirus, the customary delivery service used by the company has been suspended, and (2) the company or other person making a solicitation has made a good-faith effort to furnish materials to the security holder.

- [SEC Offers Extended Filing Relief to Companies Hit by Coronavirus](#)