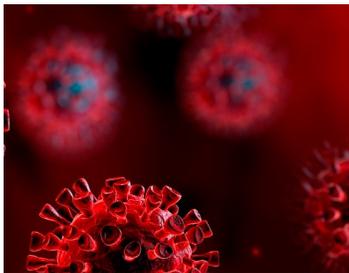


CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) SCAMS

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR WALLET



The coronavirus pandemic is a scammer's dream-come-true. They are working hard to leverage our collective anxiety to steal our sensitive personal information or our money. Here's what you need to know:

HOW THESE SCAMS WORK:

- Websites are touting bogus "coronavirus products" — from face masks to vaccines to cure-alls — and using email, text messaging and social media posts to get you to share payment or sensitive personal information.
- Scammers are pitching "can't miss" investment opportunities related to the pandemic.
- They are pulling on heartstrings by claiming to be raising money for families affected by the virus.
- They are looking to get a piece of the government payments that more than 100 million households have begun to receive. Some offer to help speed up your payment; others ask for your bank account information to deposit your check.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- There is currently no treatment, cure or vaccine for coronavirus.
- "Investment opportunities" related to treatments, cures, vaccines or protective gear may well be opportunities to lose money to a scam.
- Scammers often name their fake charity to closely resemble a legitimate charity.
- The majority of economic impact payment recipients don't need to take any action to get their checks.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Ignore offers for vaccines or treatments. Listen for reliable information in the news, not from an online ad or sales pitch.
- Consider the credibility of the source before you click on a link, as it could download malicious software to your device to steal your credentials.
- Be suspicious of emails claiming to be from experts with breaking news about the virus. Email addresses from local, state or federal government entities end in .gov.
- Engage your inner skeptic when confronted with donation requests. Before giving, research the charity at [give.org](https://www.give.org) or [charitynavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org).
- For information on economic impact payments, visit www.irs.gov.