

Common Scams

- **Phishing and supply scams.** Scammers impersonate health organizations and businesses to gather personal and financial information or sell fake test kits, supplies, vaccines or cures for COVID-19.
- **Stimulus check or economic relief scams.** There are reports that the government will help to ease the economic impact of the virus by sending money by check or direct deposit. However, the government will NOT ask for a fee to receive the funds, nor will they ask for your personal or account information.
- **Charity scams.** Fraudsters seek donations for illegitimate or non-existent organizations.
- Delivery of **malware** through “virus-tracking apps” or sensationalized news reports.
- **Provider scams.** Scammers impersonate doctors and hospital staff and contact victim claiming to have treated a relative or friend for COVID-19 and demand payment for treatment.
- **Bank/FDIC scams:** Scammers impersonate FDIC or bank employees and falsely claim that banks are limiting access to deposits or that there are security issues with bank deposits.
- **Investment scams** often styled as “research reports,” claiming that products or services of publicly traded companies can prevent, detect, or cure COVID-19.

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