



# CYBER THREAT ACTORS EXPECTED TO LEVERAGE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) warns individuals to remain vigilant for scams related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Cyber actors may send emails with malicious attachments or links to fraudulent websites to trick victims into revealing sensitive information or donating to fraudulent charities or causes. Exercise caution in handling any email with a COVID-19-related subject line, attachment, or hyperlink, and be wary of social media pleas, texts, or calls related to COVID-19.

## How to Avoid Being the Victim:



Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information.



Do not open unsolicited (spam) emails or click on the links or attachments in those emails.



Verify a charity's authenticity before making donations. Review the Federal Trade Commission's page on Charity Scams for more information.



Never reveal personal or financial information in an email or to an untrusted website



Review CISA Insights on Risk Management for COVID-19 for more information.



Do not go to an untrusted or unfamiliar website to view the event or information regarding it



Users should exercise extreme caution when responding to individual pleas for financial assistance such as those posted on social media, crowd funding websites, or in an email, even if it appears to originate from a trusted source.



Malicious websites often imitate a legitimate website, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain (e.g., .com vs .org).



Be cautious of emails or websites that claim to provide information, pictures, and videos

### Important:

Old Second will never request your personal information through email or over the phone. If you have any questions, please contact our Support Center at 877-866-0202

## For More Information:



FTC Warns of Ongoing Scams Using Coronavirus Bait

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/ftc-warns-of-ongoing-scams-using-coronavirus-bait/>



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