

## **COVID-19 PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT**

You can count on cyber thieves to take advantage of a crisis, and they are doing just that with the coronavirus (COVID-19) national emergency taking place. Cybercriminals are taking advantage of peoples fear with the outbreak for their own personal financial gain. Scammers are using logos from trusted sources like the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) in phishing emails, and hiding malware in COVID-19 online trackers.

It is important to know – THERE IS NO CURE FOR THE VIRUS, especially on the internet!!

Now is the time to remain vigilant when opening emails and clicking links. Here are a few best practices you should consider so you don't fall victim to a coronavirus-themed phishing scam or ransomware attack.

- Beware of coronavirus-themed emails from unknown senders:  
Cyberthieves have already begun sending out malicious emails disguised as public service announcements. Make sure you closely inspect the sender details and email address in the From line of your emails. Avoid clicking on any attachment unless you're absolutely sure who sent it.
- Be suspicious of requests for personal or financial information:  
Watch out for urgent requests for personal or financial account information. Attempt to verify the sender, by phone if possible, before you send, confirm or update account information.
- Beware of suspicious links.
- Cyberthieves may try to use coronavirus-themed links to deploy malicious code onto your device. Inspect the URL for any links before you click on them. Make sure links are directing you to reputable sources. Better yet, type the URL directly into your browser.

Consult the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) NIOSH website to view a list of all NIOSH approved manufacturers of personal protective equipment (N95 respirator masks, gowns, face shields, and gloves etc..) to verify the authenticity and availability of the product.

**Please visit the following websites for up-to-date COVID-19 information.**

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

[www.coronavirus.gov/](http://www.coronavirus.gov/)

**DON'T BECOME A VICTIM TO THESE PROFIT SCAMMERS!!**