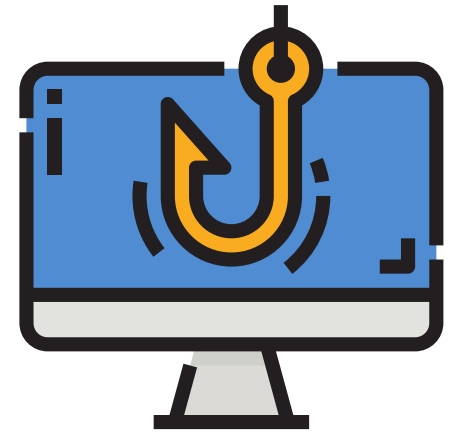


# STOP COVID-19 SCAMS

TAKE THESE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO SPOT AND STOP SCAMMERS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

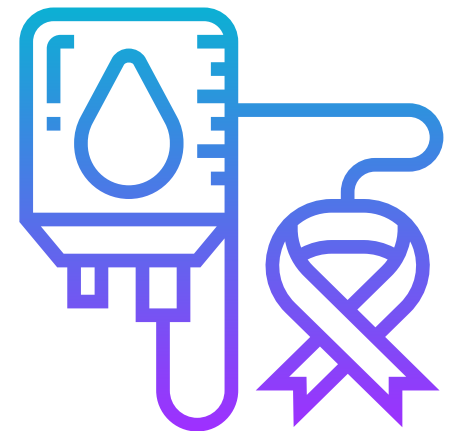
## DON'T FALL FOR PHISHING SCAMS.

Con artists offering “opportunities” in research and development are scamming you. These emails may look real and sound good, but any unsolicited emails that have attachments and web links can point to dangerous websites and malicious attachments that can steal information from your computer, lock it up for ransom, or steal your identity. Don't do it.



## THERE ARE NO MIRACLE CURES.

Scientists and medical professionals have yet to discover a medical breakthrough or have developed a vaccine or means to cure COVID-19. Not surprisingly, the vaccines being sold by online pharmacies are not real. You should not send money or make payments over the phone to anyone claiming they can prevent COVID-19, have a vaccine or other preventive medicine.



## AVOID FRAUDULENT CHARITY SCHEMES.

White-collar criminals may pose as charities soliciting money for those affected by COVID-19. Before donating, you should independently verify any charity that is raising money for the sick or secure donations to help uninsured persons pay for medical treatment. You should also avoid online solicitations for cash and gift cards, as these schemes have become a popular way for scammers to steal money. If you want to donate to a cause, you should work with a legitimate, established organization.



## BE WARY OF SCHEMES TIED TO GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE OR ECONOMIC RELIEF.

The federal government may send checks to the public as part of an economic stimulus effort. It will not, however, require the prepayment of fees, taxes on the income, the advance payment of a processing fee or any other type of charge. Anyone who demands prepayment will almost certainly steal your money. And don't give out or verify any personal information either. Government officials already have your information. No federal or state government agency will call you and ask for personal information.



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