

Hawaii-Pacific Electronic Crimes Task Force United States Secret Service

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Related Cyber Scams

Phishing

Mass emails posing as legitimate medical and/or health organizations, some with attachments supposedly containing pertinent information regarding Coronavirus.

- Avoid opening attachments and clicking on links within emails from senders you do not recognize
- Be leery of emails or phone calls requesting account information or requesting you to verify your account

Social Engineering

Exploiting the charitable spirit of individuals, seeking donations on legitimate social media websites to fraudulent causes surrounding the Coronavirus.

- Always independently verify a charity's authenticity
- Visit websites by inputting the domain name yourself

Non-Delivery Scams

Criminal actors will demand upfront payment or initial deposits for in-demand medical supplies then abscond with the funds and never complete delivery of the ordered products.

- Use trusted vendors and merchants
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits

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