

# SPOT A COVID-19 SCAM

- Think twice before investing in individuals or businesses that say they are working on a coronavirus cure. Check official sources like the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission before being lured into a scam.
- Be aware of fake fundraising organizations for coronavirus. Verify the charity is legitimate. If someone wants donations in cash, gift card or by wiring money, don't do it.
- Watch out for online marketing of vaccinations or products claiming to treat the virus.
- Do not click on unfamiliar social media posts, texts, website links or emails.
- Be careful of phishing schemes, in which a scammer sends an email or text meant to trick the person into handing over personal information and money. Emails may mention the coronavirus, medical supplies such as masks or claim to be from government, national or local health organizations in order to get users to open the message that also unleashes computer malware.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying they have information about the virus. Also, be aware of entering personal information into websites posing as these organizations.

**For trusted resources on the  
Novel Coronavirus COVID-19, please visit:**

- [www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page](http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page)
- <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov>
- <https://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov/>
- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



To report COVID-19 fraud, visit [www.justice.gov/coronavirus](http://www.justice.gov/coronavirus)  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the  
Surfside Police Department at 305-861-4862.

