

# Don't Fall for Coronavirus Scams

## Teton County and Prosecuting Attorney's Office



### What Scammers Are Doing:



**Setting up fake websites to sell unproven treatments, or to offer cleaning and disinfecting products at exorbitant prices.**



**Calling, texting, sending emails, and creating social media posts to entice you to buy a bogus testing kit or fake product, or to offer vaccinations.**



**Sending fake information in messages that appear to be from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other experts claiming to have new info about the virus.**



**Creating fake "investment opportunities" claiming that products or services of publicly-traded companies can prevent, detect, or cure coronavirus - and that the stock of these companies will dramatically increase in value as a result.**



**Setting up fake efforts to take donations for victims in hard-hit areas.**

**Call the Teton County & Prosecuting Attorney's Office at (307)733-4012 or the Teton County Sheriff's Office at (307)733-4052 with a Question or to Report a Scam**



### What You Can Do:

#### Be alert!



- According to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), there are currently NO drugs or vaccines approved to treat or prevent coronavirus.
  - **Ignore online offers, calls, emails, texts and social media posts telling you otherwise.**

#### Be smart buying online



- Shop from trusted places and sellers and compare prices before buying.
- The FDA advises that testing for the coronavirus is only conducted in verified state and local public laboratories.
  - **Ignore online offers for virus test kits.**

#### Visit reliable resources for the most up-to-date information



- Teton County Public Health: [www.jhcovid.com](http://www.jhcovid.com)
- Wyoming Department of Public Health: [www.health.wyo.gov/publichealth](http://www.health.wyo.gov/publichealth)
- CDC: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce: [www.jacksonholechamber.com](http://www.jacksonholechamber.com)

#### Don't click on links in unsolicited emails or from sources you don't know



- These links can lead you to a fake website or can download malicious software (malware) or a virus onto your computer.
- Make sure the anti-malware and anti-virus software on your computer is up to date.

#### Do your homework before donating or investing



- Check that a charity is legitimate with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov)
- If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, **don't do it.**
- Be alert to virus-related investment schemes, and research new investments carefully.

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