

COVID-19 SCAMS ALERT

BANK/FDIC SCAMS are scammers who impersonate FDIC / Bank employees and falsely claim that banks are limiting access to deposits or that there are security issues with bank deposits.

CONTACT YOUR BANK DIRECTLY, DO NOT PROVIDE ANY BANK/PERSONAL INFORMATION!

IGNORE OFFERS FOR COVID-19 VACCINE, CURE, HOME TESTING, TREATMENT

There's currently no vaccine, no home tests or cure. On-line ads are making false claims regarding COVID-19, asking seniors to verify their Medicare information to "qualify for tests or vaccines". They've come directly to seniors' doorsteps to offer free supplies, tests, treatments or investment options. **THESE ARE ALL SCAMS!**

DO RESEARCH BEFORE MAKING COVID-19 RELATED DONATIONS to any charities or individuals requesting COVID-19 related payments or donations of cash, by wire transfer, gift card or through the mail.

DO NOT GIVE OUT INSURANCE or SOCIAL SECURITY or BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS TO UNKNOWN PERSONS! Scammers are attempting to obtain personal information, asking for Medicare numbers, social security numbers and banking information.

CALL MARIPOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO REPORT SCAMS
at (209) 966-3615
(or your local Sheriff's Department)

CONTACT TRACING SCAMS

Scammers pretend to be Contact Tracers and send misleading text messages asking you to click on a link. **DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS FROM UNKNOWN SENDERS!**

SUPPLY SCAMS

Scammers pose as health organizations & businesses who try to sell victims fake test kits, vaccines and cures, then request personal and financial information to "see if the victim qualify".

PROVIDER SCAMS

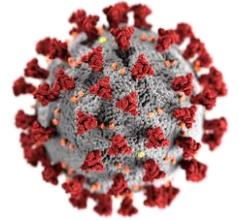
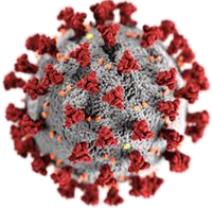
Scammers impersonate doctors and hospital staff. They contact the victim claiming to have provided treatment to their relative or friend for COVID-19 and **demand payment** for the treatment. **THIS IS A SCAM!**

Online advertisements are claiming false treatments for COVID-19 and asking seniors to verify their Medicare information to "qualify them for tests or vaccines". **THIS IS A SCAM!**

RELY ON OFFICIAL SOURCES

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 visit the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, World Health Organization, or your local Health Department.

There are reports that the Government will help ease the economic impact of the virus by sending money by check or direct deposit. **HOWEVER**, the government will **NOT** ask for a fee to receive funds, **NOR** will they ask for personal or bank account information! **THIS IS A SCAM!**



BEST DEFENSE AGAINST POTENTIAL FRAUD

- ❖ Say NO to anyone who contacts you and asks or demands your Social Security number, bank account number, credit card information, Medicare ID number, or Driver's License number.
- ❖ Don't believe person(s) claiming to be a Census employee asking for money or your Social Security number. Real Census representatives will NOT do that!
- ❖ DO NOT assume the person on the phone is who they say they are. Ask for a phone number and suggest that you will call them back.
- ❖ Be cautious when a person or company claims to have COVID-19 tests, treatments or medicine and then requests your personal identifying information "for eligibility approval" or asks you for payment(s).
- ❖ DO NOT give anyone soliciting donations for COVID-19 related assistance, unless you know it's a trusted charity.
- ❖ BE AWARE if someone you don't know sends you a check, maybe for prize-winnings, sale of goods, for personal loan approval or asks you to send a portion of the money back. THIS IS A SCAM!
- ❖ DO NOT click on any links or communication which appear to direct you to COVID-19 news, health-related, contact tracing data or other websites that you aren't familiar with. They may contain malware or implant a virus on your device. It's a good idea to keep your anti-virus software up to date.
- ❖ DO NOT pay anyone who requests payment in the form of gift cards, prepaid cards or through money wire.

ONLY REFER TO TRUSTED SOURCES FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, SUCH AS YOUR DOCTOR, CDC WEBSITE OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

REPORT ANY SUSPECTED SCAMS TO MARIPOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT at (209) 966-3615, or call your local Sheriff's Department or make a report online by going to: WWW.FTC.GOV/COMPLAINT