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As Duke continues to monitor the coronavirus outbreak, Duke’s IT security offices are warning staff, faculty and students to beware malicious emails claiming to be from health organizations including the CDC.

Attackers are using fear around the virus to trick users into clicking on links in spoofed emails that claim to contain information on how to protect yourself from the spread of the disease. Read more about the attacks [2].

Staff, faculty and students should use caution when receiving any communications that appear to
be urgent or demanding in nature. Please report any suspicious emails to the IT security offices using the “Report Phish to Duke [3]” button, located in your Outlook email toolbar.

Staff, faculty and students can monitor Duke’s response to the coronavirus outbreak by visiting the university’s official site: https://sites.duke.edu/coronavirus/ [4]. Additional information is available at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) official website: www.cdc.gov [5].

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Links