Remain vigilant for latest scams [1]

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The Duke IT security offices have seen an increase in cyber attacks related to COVID-19 and are encouraging Duke faculty, staff and students to use caution with all communications including phone calls, email, text and social media. Attackers will try to take advantage of fear about the situation and may use the guise of COVID-19 research studies or news about government checks to phish for personal or financial information.

More information on coronavirus-related scams can be found on the FBI website [2] and the FTC website [3]. A brief video about COVID-19 scams, developed by Proofpoint, is available online [4].

Duke’s IT security offices remind you that:

- The government will not ask you to pay anything up front to get stimulus money.
- The government will not call or email you to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who does is a scammer.
- Any claims that you can get money immediately are likely a scam.

If you receive a phone call, email or other communication regarding COVID-19 or government payouts, please contact security@duke.edu [5].

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[4] https://share.vidyard.com/watch/5WfaXCJyopBwvQCC682d2y?
[5] mailto:security@duke.edu