

HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

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S.T.O.P. COVID-19 FRAUD

STRATEGIC TARGETED OUTREACH PROGRAM

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DID YOU KNOW?

Thousands of COVID-19 related web domains have been identified as fraudulent.

FOR **SECURE** ONLINE SHOPPING

- ✘ DO NOT CLICK ON UNSOLICITED EMAILS OR TEXTS.
- ✘ ENSURE A SECURE BROWSER CONNECTION: HTTPS ONLY.
- ✘ VERIFY WEBSITE TRUST SEALS BEFORE PLACING AN ORDER.
- ✘ OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT WEBSITES END IN .GOV
- ✘ INSPECT THE URL OF THE WEBSITE AND VERIFY THE DESTINATION.

ONLINE SHOPPING **TIPS**

- 🗂 IF A DEAL SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.
- 🗂 BE AWARE OF PRICE GOUGING.
- 🗂 VERIFY PURCHASES ARE FROM LEGITIMATE, TRUSTED SOURCES.
- 🗂 REPORT COVID-19 FRAUD TO COVID19FRAUD@DHS.GOV.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Government agencies will not contact anyone to verify or expedite payments.

FINANCIAL RED FLAGS RELATED TO COVID-19

- ✘ BEWARE OF E-MAILS, TEXT MESSAGES OR CALLS OFFERING GOODS, SERVICES, LOANS, OR DEBT RELIEF.
- ✘ BEWARE OF REQUESTS FOR UNUSUAL PAYMENT METHODS, SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCY, PREPAID DEBIT CARDS, GIFT CARDS, MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES (MSB) TRANSFERS, OR WIRE TRANSFERS.
- ✘ GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DO NOT CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL: CHECK YOUR MAIL, DO NOT FOLLOW LINKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND USE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES DIRECTLY.
- ✘ GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL NOT CALL OR E-MAIL ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS AND WILL NOT REFER TO IT AS "STIMULUS" - DO NOT OPEN SUCH E-MAILS OR CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS.

FINANCIAL TIP

- 💰 REACH OUT TO YOUR ELDERLY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND WARN THEM ABOUT THESE SCAMS.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Bad actors often advertise using photos stolen from legitimate websites to deceive consumers.

PROHIBITED PHARMACEUTICALS AND MEDICAL DEVICES **RED FLAGS**

- ✘ BEWARE OF WEBSITES OR INDIVIDUALS SELLING PRODUCTS CLAIMING TO PREVENT, TREAT, DIAGNOSE OR CURE COVID-19.
- ✘ BEWARE OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING PERSONAL OR BANKING INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE FOR COVID-19 PRODUCTS.
- ✘ BEWARE OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT INFORMATION WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR WITH MISSPELLINGS.
- ✘ DO NOT BUY PRESCRIPTION PHARMACEUTICALS FROM THIRD PARTY MARKETPLACES OR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

PROHIBITED ITEMS **TIP**

- 🌐 ENSURE YOUR ONLINE PHARMACY IS CERTIFIED BY CHECKING: WWW.SAFEMEDSONLINE.ORG.



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