Scammers may take advantage of COVID-19 outbreak fears by selling bogus “treatments” and “prevention” products, establishing fake charities, and sending seemingly legitimate emails with malicious links or attachments.

**BEWARE OF FALSE CLAIMS**

Do not be tempted by claims and advice on social media or websites that a product or treatment can cure or prevent COVID-19.

Currently, there are no prescription or over-the-counter pills, vaccines, oils, lotions, or other products available to treat or cure COVID-19. Always check with your health care provider before buying such products.

**BE CAREFUL WHEN MAKING DONATIONS**

Before making donations to support those who are ill or suffering financially because of the COVID-19 outbreak, DO YOUR HOMEWORK:

- If the appeal claims to be from a charity, make sure that it is registered with the Attorney General’s Charitable Trusts Unit. The list may be found here: [www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/](http://www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/)
- If the appeal is for an individual, think hard about donating unless you know the person needing help and that person’s circumstances;
- Do not let anyone rush you into making a donation;
- Check that you are dealing with a legitimate charity or individual and not an “imposter” with a deceptively similar name;
- Do not assume that social media recommendations for donations are legitimate.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PHONY CDC EMAILS**

Be careful about opening emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or from others claiming to have information about COVID-19. Clicking on links or attachments could cause a computer virus to infect your device.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT SCAMS OR FRAUD**

Contact 1-888-468-4454 or DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov

Visit the NH Department of Justice website: [www.doj.nh.gov](http://www.doj.nh.gov)

**STAY INFORMED**

Visit [nh.gov/covid19](http://nh.gov/covid19) for up-to-date information about the COVID-19 outbreak in New Hampshire.