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What the FCC is Doing in Response to Coronavirus

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the United States, phone scammers have seized the opportunity to prey on consumers. A text message scam may falsely advertise a cure or an offer to be tested for coronavirus. Do not click on links in texts related to the virus, and check [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) for the most current information.

Fraudsters are also preying on financial fears tied to the pandemic. The FCC is aware of robocall scams with COVID-19 themed work-from-home opportunities, student loan repayment plans, and debt consolidation offers. Consumers aren't the only target. Small businesses are also getting scam calls about virus-related funding or loans and online listing verification.

If you think you've been a victim of a coronavirus scam, contact law enforcement immediately.



Spotlight

Coronavirus TIPS
to help you to protect
yourself from
coronavirus scams:

- Do not respond to calls or texts from unknown numbers.
- Do not click on any links in text messages.
- Never share your personal or financial information via text messages, emails, or over the phone.
- Be cautious if you're being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
- Always check on a charity before donating.

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