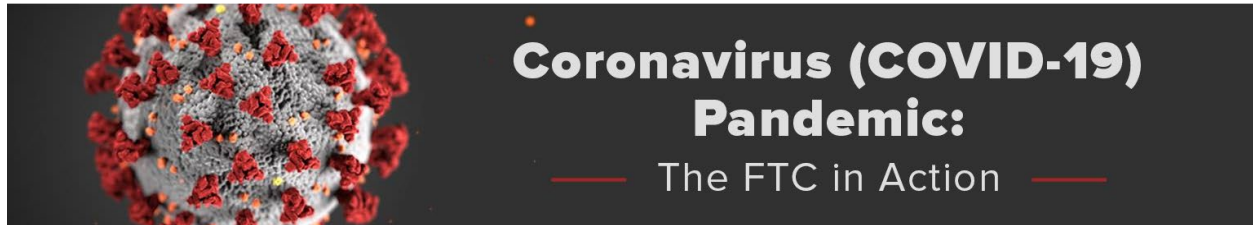


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AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

- Learn how to **tell the difference between** a real contact tracer and a scammer. Legitimate tracers need health information, not money or personal financial information.
 - **Don't respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government.** Here's **what you need to know.**
 - **Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.** Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.
 - **Be wary of ads for test kits.** Most test kits being advertised have **not** been approved by the FDA, and aren't necessarily accurate.
 - **Hang up on robocalls.** Scammers are using **illegal robocalls** to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.
 - **Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO.** Use sites like **coronavirus.gov** and **usa.gov/coronavirus** to get the latest information. And **don't click on links from sources you don't know.**
 - **Do your homework when it comes to donations.** Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money.
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