

## **The Scammers Never Stop Working**

*From AARP Fraud Watch*

Unfortunately, there are scammers out there who are using this as an opportunity to deceive consumers. Just as you can protect yourself from the virus, you can also keep these opportunistic scammers at bay.

Here's what you need to know:

- That there is currently no vaccine available for coronavirus.
- Any "investment opportunity" that claims to ride the wave of economic activity due to the virus is probably an opportunity to lose money to a scam.
- Your best resources for information on the virus are the ones you know and trust
- You may get donation requests claiming to raise money to help victims. Only donate to organizations you know.
- If you receive a communication claiming to be from a government agency like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, close the email and then visit the agency's website directly at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

P.S. Are you active on social media? Do you enjoy sharing information that can help prevent friends and family from falling victim to scams? Become a volunteer AARP Fraud Watch Network (FWN) Digital Fraud Fighter! Digital Fraud Fighters will receive access to exclusive scam briefings, plus a Welcome Packet that includes a T-shirt, a copy of the FWN Con Artist's Playbook, the FWN Watchdog Alert Handbook and more. Interested? Send a note to [FWN@aarp.org](mailto:FWN@aarp.org) for more information!

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Hunsinger, AARP New Jersey State Director*

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