

Hi there,

At Park Community, your financial health and safety is a priority. With these uncertain times, we wanted to reach out to our membership and relay tips on how you can keep you and your family safe and aware of Coronavirus frauds and scams.

Beware of Fraud Regarding Government Stimulus Checks

1. The government will not ask you to pay anything upfront to get this money. No fees. No charges. No nothing.
2. The government will not call to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who does is a scammer.
3. Reports of money already available are not true. If anyone who tells you they can get you the money, they're a scammer.

If you spot a scam, report it: [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)

Avoid Coronavirus Scams

Hang up on robocalls: Don't press any numbers. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from fake coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might just lead to more robocalls.

Ignore online offers: Especially for vaccinations and home test kits. Scammers are trying to get you to buy products that aren't proven to treat or prevent the coronavirus. At this time, there also are no U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized home test kits for the coronavirus. Visit the [FDA](https://www.fda.gov) to learn more.

Fact-check information: Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified. Before you pass on any messages, contact trusted sources. Visit [What the U.S. Government is Doing](#) for links to federal, state and local government agencies.

Know who you're buying from: Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products,

like cleaning, household and health and medical supplies when they don't.

Don't respond to texts and emails about checks from the government. The details are still being worked out. Anyone who tells you they can get you the money now is a scammer.

Don't click on links from sources you don't know. They could download viruses onto your computer or device.

Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or experts saying they have information about the virus. Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. Don't let anyone rush you into donating. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.

Please take these tips into consideration as we wade the uncertain waters of COVID-19.

Be well,

Park Community Credit Union