

Subject: Taxpayers to Receive COVID-19 Stimulus – Watch for Fraud
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The IRS will soon be sending COVID-19 stimulus money to taxpayers as part of a trillion-dollar stimulus package to counter the economic impact of the coronavirus.

Beware of Scams and Fraud Schemes

The IRS is warning taxpayers to be on the lookout for emails from COVID-19 stimulus fraudsters. Taxpayers may be asked to sign over their stimulus check or ask to “verify” a taxpayer’s filing information in order to receive the money, and then use potentially utilize taxpayers personal information at a later date to file false tax returns. Do not provide personal information to anyone claiming to be from the IRS in email. The IRS offers the following information and tips to identify scams and understand how the COVID-19 stimulus payments will be distributed.

- The IRS will deposit checks into the direct deposit account the taxpayer previously provided on their tax return (or, in the alternative, send you a paper check).
- The IRS will not call and ask a taxpayer to verify your payment details. Do not give out bank account or any other account information- even if someone claims it’s necessary to get your check. It’s a scam.
- If a taxpayer receives a call, don’t engage with scammers or thieves, even if you want to tell them that you know it’s a scam, or you think that you can beat them. Just hang up.
- If taxpayers receive texts or emails claiming that you can get your money faster by sending personal information or clicking on links, delete them. Don’t click on any links in those emails or texts.
- Reports are also swirling about fraudulent checks. If a taxpayer receives a “check” for an odd amount (especially one with cents), or a check that requires that you verify the check online or by calling a number, it’s a scam.

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