

FBI ALERTS

The FBI has put out several public service announcements in recent weeks re: scams that are on the rise during the pandemic, along with steps people can take to protect themselves. We've issued warnings on everything from an increased risk of child exploitation, to advance fee and BEC scams, money mule scams, online extortion scams, etc.

I'm forwarding links to all of them in case you are looking for new content for your social media sites and don't want to reinvent the wheel.

We encourage anyone who is a victim of attempted fraud, or fraud to report it to our internet crime complaint center at [ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov).

- IC3 Rise in Fraud Schemes
<https://www.ic3.gov/media/2020/200320.aspx>
- Increased Risk of Child Exploitation <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/school-closings-due-to-covid-19-present-potential-for-increased-risk-of-child-exploitation>
- Fraudulent Sales of Medical Equipment <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-warns-health-care-professionals-of-increased-potential-for-fraudulent-sales-of-covid-19-related-medical-equipment>
- VTC Hijackings and exploitation of Virtual Environments
<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/boston/news/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-teleconferencing-and-online-classroom-hijacking-during-covid-19-pandemic>; <https://www.ic3.gov/media/2020/200401.aspx>
- Rise in Business Email Compromise Schemes <https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-anticipates-rise-in-business-email-compromise-schemes-related-to-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- Money Mules
<https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-money-mule-schemes-exploiting-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- Protect Yourself From Scammers
<https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/protect-yourself-from-covid-19-scams-040620>

- Emerging Health Care Schemes
<https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-emerging-health-care-fraud-schemes-related-to-covid-19-pandemic>
- Rise in Scams Involving Cryptocurrency
<https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-expects-a-rise-in-scams-involving-cryptocurrency-related-to-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- Advance Fee and BEC Schemes Related to Procurement of PPE and Other Supplies
<https://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-warns-of-advance-fee-and-bec-schemes-related-to-procurement-of-ppe-and-other-supplies-during-covid-19-pandemic>
- Increase in COVID-19 related online extortion scams
<https://www.ic3.gov/media/2020/200420.aspx>

As additional releases are issued, they will be updated and posted on our twitter account @FBIBoston, and here: <https://www.fbi.gov/coronavirus>