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Dear RI DHH Community,

There has been an ongoing number of scams relating to COVID19 occurring. Unfortunately, scammers are becoming very creative.

Examples are...

1. Fundraisers related to the coronavirus 2019 telephone calls. These phone calls are not valid. These phone calls are from scammers. **Do not donate your money over telephones.**
2. Online offers related to COVID-19 for cures whether it is vaccines, free tests, or medication. Ignore the online offers. Since there are **no vaccines to cure the COVID-19 disease today, these online offers are from scammers.**
3. Calls from Federal Government agencies such as FBI, Federal Trade Commission, World Health Organization, Secret Service, Center for Disease Control, and other federal agencies here requesting account or personal information. **Do not give an account or personal information over telephones.** The Federal Government NEVER and NEVER WILL CALL people asking for your account or personal information.
4. **Do not open suspicious emails or links** relating to COVID-19. There are high chances of malware and virus comes with these suspicious emails. They can and will damage your computer.
5. If you receive a call from Medicare asking for more information from you so they can send you a free test, this is a scam call. **Do not give your information over the telephone.**

If you have any questions or think you may be a victim of a scam call Aimee at 401-441-6325 or Bonnie at 401-406-3356.

Thank you!

Aimee & BK