

COVID-19 SCAMS

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The following information was provided to me from Mark Higdon. Felt it was imperative that this be shared with our residents. It's very sad to know that these nefarious predators are constantly trying to invade our lives to obtain our personal information; especially when we are so vulnerable during this terrifying time.

Unfortunately, scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic to try to steal your Medicare Number, personal information, and money. And they're using robocalls, social media posts, and emails to do it.

Remember, if anyone reaches out to get your Medicare Number or personal information in exchange for something, you can bet it's a scam.

Be on the lookout, so you can stop scams before they happen. **Here are recent Coronavirus scams to watch for:**

- Robocalls offering you respiratory masks they'll never send
- Social media posts fraudulently seeking donations for non-existent charities, or claiming to give you stimulus funds if you enter your bank account information
- Fake testing kits, cures, "immunity" pills, and offers for protective equipment

Visit [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.medicare.gov/fraud) for more information and tips on preventing Medicare scams and fraud.

The more informed we are, the more we can win the battle against these predators.

Stay safe.