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Preventing Financial Scams

Protect Yourself – COVID-19 Scams

- With the delta variant on the rise, scammers will try to bait you through phishing. They will email you links with bogus “COVID-19 information” Read carefully before opening hyperlinks and messages from an unknown source.
- Government agencies will not try to contact you through Facebook or other social media platforms.
- There are many scams about “secret” coronavirus vaccines or cures. A scammer might ask for your credit card number to send you a vaccine the government has been hiding. Consult your doctor before trying any treatments or cures.
- Many employers now require proof of vaccination. Your vaccination card contains private information hackers will try to get ahold of. Be extra cautious of who you show your information to.
- Scammers are using the Child Tax Credit to contact individuals who qualify, asking to verify information. The IRS will not contact individuals directly regarding a tax obligation via phone, email, or social media. For more information on Child Tax Credit, visit <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>.
- Do not post your vaccine card online.

Resources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides medically accurate information on COVID-19: <https://cdc.gov/coronavirus>
- Check with the Better Business Bureau to check the reliability of a company at: <https://www.bbb.org/>
- You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by calling their Consumer Response Center at (1-877-382-4357) or visit <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>.

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