

# COVID-19 Phishing Scams

Over the past 2 months, during the COVID-19 lockdown, the UK has seen an influx in email attacks known as ‘phishing emails.’

Below we have highlighted the most common Coronavirus related phishing scams, so you and your teams are aware of what to look out for the next time you receive a “phishy” looking email...



## New programme against COVID-19



<GOV UK Notify>

### GOV.UK

#### The government has taken urgent steps to list coronavirus as a notifiable disease in law

As a precaution measure against COVID-19 in cooperation with National Insurance and National Health Services the government established new tax refund programme for dealing with the coronavirus outbreak in its action plan.

You are eligible to get a *tax refund (rebate)* of 128.34 GBP.

[Access your funds now](#)

The funds can be used to protect yourself against COVID-19 ( <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> precautionary measure against corona )

At 6.15pm on 5 March 2020, a statutory instrument was made into law that adds COVID-19 to the list of notifiable diseases and SARS-COV-2 to the list of notifiable causative agents.

## “COVID-19 VAT or Tax Refund”

This phishing email is disguised as a HMRC tax refund notification. Clicking the link “access your funds now” directs to a fake government landing page, where the user is encouraged to input private financial information.

## Confidential Cure Solution on Corona virus



Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:10 AM  
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Corona virus prevention vaccine and cure medication has been secretly developed by our medical scientist who's names are meant to remain silent for security reasons. We know that the world has been struggling to contain this deadly virus developed and sprayed by wicked scientists to reduce the population of the world so the government will have control over you. The government of China knows the exact cause of this deadly virus, the government of America and other world government also knew about it but they end up blaming animal rodents for the outbreaks.

This corona virus is a weapon created to discredit rivals government health systems or the other way to control the citizens of the world but due to some people like us and our medical teams hate the injustice going in this world. Our secret medical scientist team has developed the cure and prevention to counter this evil act of the world to save lives of innocent people around the world. For those interested to secure their lives kindly reply and get more information about shipping or delivery to you and private distribution.



Dr. Carlos Gerrado sent you a free health guideline

[Click for Corona-Virus Cure Review](#)

## “Click Here For A Cure”

This scam claims to be from a doctor who has details of a vaccine being covered up by the Chinese and UK governments. Again, this email links to a bogus page designed to harvest your details.

## Coronavirus (2019 –nCoV) Safety Measures



@who-pc.com>

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:08 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Go through the attached document on safety measures regarding the spreading of corona virus.

This little measure can save you.

WHO is working closely with global experts, governments and partners to rapidly expand scientific knowledge on this new virus and to provide advice on measures to protect health and prevent the spread of this outbreak.

Symptoms to look out for; Common symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties.

Regards

[Redacted]

General Internist

Intensive Care Physician

WHO Plague Prevention & Control



## “Download Safety Measures”

Disguised as the World Health Organisation, hackers claim an attached document details how recipients can prevent the disease’s spread. Using such a trustworthy organisation, such as the WHO, encourages more engagement from unaware victims.

## [EXTERNAL] COVID-19 - Now Airborne, Increased Community Transmission



CDC INFO <CDC-Covid19@cdc.gov>

To

[Reply](#)

[Reply All](#)

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Wed 2/26/2020 12:00

As you know, the Department of Health and Human Services has declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) a public health emergency.

At this time, three new cases have been confirmed around your location today. The risk to the Public in your city and throughout the World is very HIGH.

The World Health Organization has named the new coronavirus, Covid-19, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has established precautions.

\* The CDC requires you to avoid (HIGH-RISK) zone around your city to Minimize Chances for Exposures.

\* A high-risk person is currently being monitored around your city to Minimize.

For additional information about high-risk places around <https://healing-yu223.com/cd.php?>

Click or tap to follow link.

<https://www.cdc.gov/COVID-19/newcases/feb26/your-city.html>

## “Virus Is Now Airborne”

Impersonating the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and claiming to offer information, especially to local high-risk locations, this attack takes users to a fake Microsoft login page, and again requests personal login information. These attacks originally targeted American victims but have been reported here too.

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От Corona Support <info@...com> ☆

Тема CDC HEALTH emergency coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Network 10:49

Обратный адрес info@...com ☆

Кому tom0184@...tw ☆

Dear Sir/Madam

The center for disease control and Prevention (CDC) continues to work to go all out to control an outbreak of a 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, that began in December 2019.

Updated list of new case around your city are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019/>.

CDC has established an incident management system to co-ordinate a domestic and international public health response to check mate this virus. Funding of the above project is quite a huge costs and we plead for your good will donation, nothing is too small. From \$10 to any amount

This e-plate form is for timely intervention due to holiday extension of our public Institute/ banks not working, it is really affecting us but together, we must stop the virus! All our research groups have been working round the clock to find a vaccine

Please kindly find our Bitcoin account detail below for your donation and support.

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Thanks you for your goodwill contribution in standing against this virus, you are a hero. Please help us share this message to reach as many as possible.

Sincerely

## “Donate Here To Help”

Many phishing emails, disguised as multiple charities, have been reported asking for donations to develop vaccines or to provide aid etc. These emails request payment to be made in cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin. This attack takes advantage of the generosity of victims, making it all the more malicious.

**To learn more about phishing attacks and how to generate cybersecurity awareness within your organisation, get in touch with a member of the team today!**



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