

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.'

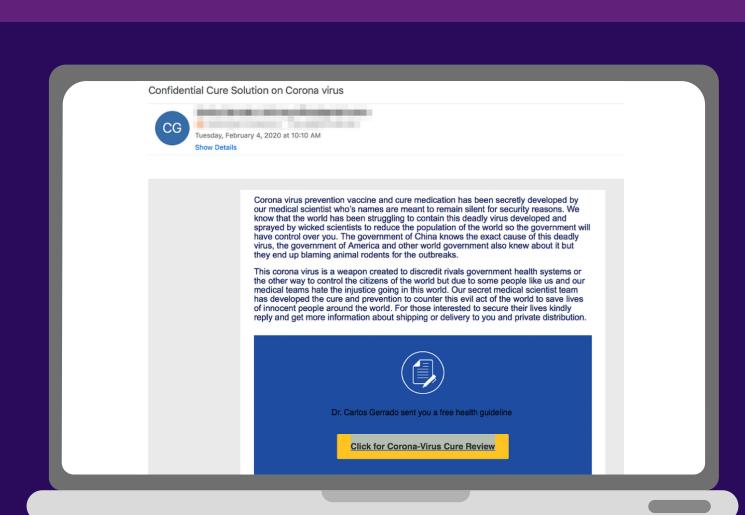
Below we have highlighted the most common Coronavirus related phishing scams, so you and your teams are aware of what to look out for the next time you receive a "phishy" looking email...



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"

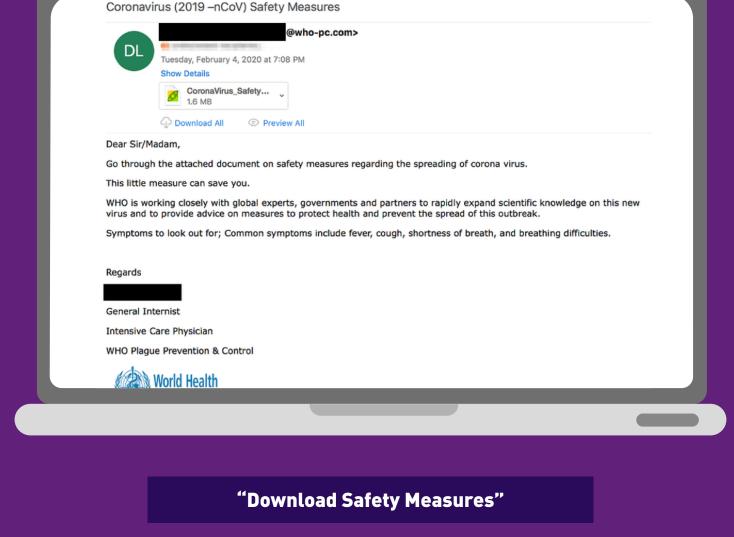
This phishing email is disguised as a HMRC tax refund notification. Clicking the link "access your funds now" directs to a fake government landing page, where the user is encouraged to input private financial information.



This scam claims to be from a doctor who has details of a vaccine being

"Click Here For A Cure"

covered up by the Chinese and UK governments. Again, this email links to a bogus page designed to harvest your details.



from unaware victims.

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

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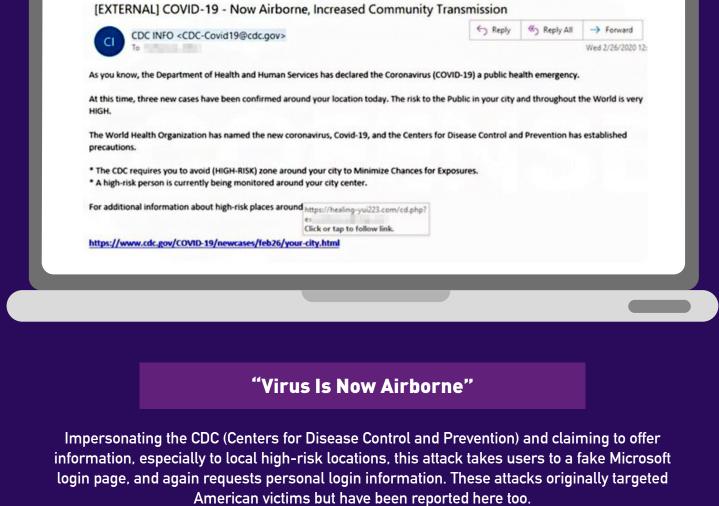
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17iiciHtCDFQmEpdmhJ43DtnkGvWgjiXVm Thanks you for your goodwill contribution in standing against this virus, you are a hero. Please help us share this message to reach as

many as possible. Sincerely

"Donate Here To Help"

Many phishing emails, disquised 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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