

# COVID-19 SCAM ALERT: Government Economic Impact Payment Scams



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## Scam at a glance:

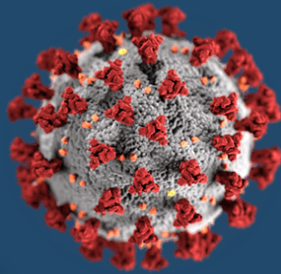
Scammers are using the promise of COVID-19 economic impact payments to attempt to gain access to your personal and financial information.

## Warning Signs:

- Receiving a call, text, or email saying that you are “Prequalified” to receive money as a result of the outbreak but you have to pay money upfront to receive those benefits.
- Demanding PayPal, bank account or other financial information in order to receive a COVID-19 payment.
- Being told that government checks are now available for those who qualify.
- Being told to click on a link to receive your payment or to see if you qualify.
- Arizonans are told they need to “sign up” for the economic payment.

# Protect Yourself:

- Anyone who says they can get you COVID-19 economic impact payments or help you qualify is a scammer.
- Do not be influenced or threatened to pay money for financial relief.
- Do not give out or confirm personal information to random strangers.
- Government agencies will not text you or ask you to pay anything up-front to receive benefits.
- Do not click links in unsolicited emails or text messages from numbers that you do not know.



## Resources:

Arizona Consumer Protection Updates  
[www.AZAG.gov/consumer/covid-19](http://www.AZAG.gov/consumer/covid-19)

File a Consumer Complaint with Attorney General  
[www.AZAG.gov/complaints/consumer](http://www.AZAG.gov/complaints/consumer)

Internal Revenue Service  
[www.IRS.gov/coronavirus](http://www.IRS.gov/coronavirus)

Centers for Disease Control  
[www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus) or (800) 232-4636

Arizona Department of Economic Security  
[www.DES.AZ.gov/services/coronavirus](http://www.DES.AZ.gov/services/coronavirus)

[www.azag.gov/scamalert](http://www.azag.gov/scamalert)