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Well, as with any upheaval or crisis it doesn't take long for the scammers to come out of the woodwork.

Already there are reports of Coronavirus email phishing attempts. One of the phishing emails includes a PDF attachment, titled "CoronaVirusSafetyMeasures.pdf". This will prompt users to download the PDF from a so-called "censorship free" file sharing service. The download will then infect the user's computer.

Another malware campaign includes a three-page Microsoft Office document that claims to be from the Center for Public Health of the Ministry of Ukraine. This document contains malicious macros that will steal data from your clipboard.

There are also some reports of phishing emails that claim to be from the U.S. Center for Disease Control. These may suggest that the Coronavirus "has officially become airborne" and that confirmed cases "are occurring in your location." This PHISHING email will contain a link for more information – but when you click on it, it will redirect you to a generic-looking Microsoft login page. Once you enter your password, it will be stolen.

Now, to protect yourself from phishing attacks, look out for emails and messages that ask you to click on links or open attachments. Ignore emails with a sense of urgency. Emails that appeal to fear. Delete emails that request sensitive data.

Be extra cautious of requests to login and provide information. Never respond with any phone number via text messaging. Do not respond to any email from anyone asking for money or gift cards. Do not provide sensitive personal information such as usernames and passwords unless you initiate the contact.

Always be very skeptical of unsolicited information and what you see on social media.

For legitimate information about the Coronavirus and Covid-19 go to [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

That's it for this edition of the SeaComm Federal Credit Union podcast. Thanks for joining us!