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Please be aware that the FBI has seen a rise in fraud schemes related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic to steal your money, your personal information, or both. As always, do not click on links or open attachments that you do not recognize whether you are online or view them in a suspicious email. Fraudsters can use these links in emails to deliver malware to your computer to steal personal information or to lock your computer and demand payment. Be on the lookout for fake emails claiming to be the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other organizations claiming to offer information on the virus. Also be wary of websites and apps claiming to track COVID-19 cases worldwide. Criminals often times use malicious websites to infect and lock devices until payment is received. Be on the lookout for emails asking you to verify your personal information in order to receive an economic stimulus check from the government. Government agencies are **not** sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information in order to send you money. Do not provide your username, password, date of birth, social security number, financial data, or other personal information in response to an email or robocall. Other suspicious emails to be on the look out for may claim to be related to charitable contributions, financial relief, fake cures/vaccines, and fake testing kits.

Be cautious to anyone selling products that claim to prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19. Also be cautious purchasing potentially counterfeit sanitizing products and Personal Protective Equipment. Information on unapproved or counterfeit Personal Protective Equipment can be found at [www.cdc.gov/niosh](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh). Also be aware that several individuals and groups have been attempting to leverage the COVID-19 pandemic in order to cause panic. All residents are urged to ensure the validity of the information they may receive from other persons and from online platforms. Several websites have been identified as posting misleading or false information about the disease. The best sources for information on COVID-19 can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov).

As a reminder, do not provide your username, password, date of birth, social security number, financial data, or other personal information in response to an email or robocall. If you believe you are the victim of an internet scam or cyber crime, or if you want to report suspicious activity, please contact the Bradley Beach Police Department, available to you 24 hours a day at 732-775-6900.

As Always, let's look out for each other, especially the elderly persons in our lives that could fall victim to these types of scams.