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To: Code 2A – All EHSD Staff

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From: Administration

Subject: Scams, Scams, and more Scams

There have reportedly been several instances of EHSD staff receiving texts that have been identified as scams. We are also susceptible to phishing emails on our desktop computers in the office. We have reports of calls to County-issued cell phones with some of the messages below. The Federal Trade Commission says about \$6 million in losses have been recorded in recent days. Here are some things to be wary of:

Text messages:

1. Text identifying that your Federal Assistance Payment for the Corona Virus Stimulus Plan has ... Click here to ...
2. Your stimulus check is ready, click here...
3. Text messages from retailers announcing stimulus benefits for loyal customers

Phone messages:

1. During these difficult times of the coronavirus, we regret to inform you that we have an order to suspend your social security...
2. If you want to receive a free testing kit delivered overnight to your home, press 1.

Takeaways:

1. The government will not call you for personal information or money
2. Don't click on suspicious links. If you don't know who sent it, delete it
3. Don't pay money for testing or stimulus checks
4. Be careful of charity calls and solicitations. If you get such a call, hang up and go to that charity's website if you wish to donate.

For more information, here's a link to a recent broadcast by ABC.

<https://abc11.com/coronavirus-scams-covid-19-scam-texts-phon-calls/6068385/>