PHISHING EMAILS/FAKE TEXT MESSAGES

There are currently numerous bogus emails and text messages circulating, appearing to come from official bodies, such as the Government, World Health Organisation and US Centre for Disease control. They contain links which are designed to download malicious software (i.e. viruses) to your device, or to take you to a website that will collect your personal and financial details.

There are a variety of forms these emails can take, some of which are shown below. These can include:

- Offering a tax rebate
- Demanding payment of a fine
- Asking for donations
- Linking to a map of the spread of Coronavirus

The advice remains the same – if an email is unexpected do not click on any links, simply delete the email.

Use the ABC approach:

Never Assume they are legitimate.

Never **Believe** they are legitimate.

Always **Confirm** using a trusted number or asking friends and family.



These phishing emails were reported to Action Fraud

GOV.UK CORONAVIRUS ALERT New rules in force now: you must stay at home. More info & exemptions at gov.uk/ coronavirus Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save lives.

We would like to inform you that you have been recorded as leaving your home on 3 occasions yesterday. A fine of £35 has been added to your gov.uk account. For further information please visit gov.uk/ coronavirus-penalty-paymenttracking. Protect the NHS. Save lives.



Fake Online Coronavirus Map Delivers Well-known Malware Date: March 10, 2020



Figure 1. Screenshot of the malicious website "Corona-Virus-Map[dot]com" pretending to be a legitimate COVID-19 tracker.