

Scammers Abound

The the best of times and in the worst of times, the scammers abound.
Both the IRS and FBI are reporting:

CDC Emails
Counterfeit Treatments or Equipment

The IRS warns that scammers may emphasize the words "Stimulus Check" or "Stimulus Payment" when the official term is "economic impact payment".

Ask the taxpayer to sign over their economic impact payment check to them.

Ask by phone, email, text or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up their economic impact payment.

Suggest that they can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster by working on the taxpayer's behalf, conducted by social media or by in-person contact.

Mail the taxpayer a bogus check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell the taxpayer to call a number or verify information on line in order to cash it.