

1. [\[ \]](#)

# SFPD Warns Public About COVID-19 Scams 20-031

[ ] 23, 2020 | 11:30 [ ]

Share:

- [facebook](#)
- [twitter](#)
- [linkedin](#)
- [email](#)

[View PDF](#)

The San Francisco Police Department is aware of reports on in the news media and in social media about scams related to COVID-19. It is unfortunate that there are always those who will try to take advantage of people's fears during a crisis. During this time, SFPD and our law enforcement partners around the country want to warn the public about these frauds.

COVID-19 scams can come in the form of robocalls, emails or online sellers offering cures, tests or vaccinations. The people behind these offers may claim to be with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and may claim to have special information or products available.


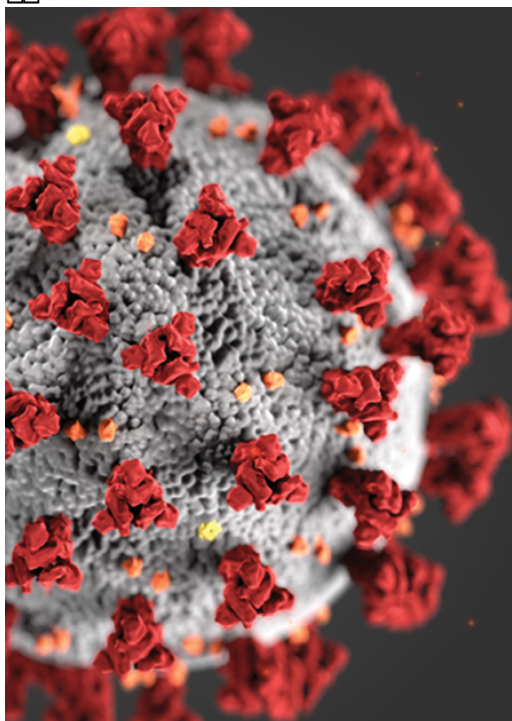
These are incredibly challenging times for all of us and we understand the desire to protect yourself and your family. But it's important to know that there currently are no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure COVID-19.

When dealing with unsolicited offers, keep in mind the adages, "Buyer beware," and "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

If you receive a robocall, hang up. Don't press any numbers or answer any questions. Beware of text messages and emails offering cures, information or

financial assistance related to COVID-19. Carefully research requests for donations. Don't send cash, gift cards, or wire money.

You can report online and email scams to the Federal Trade Commission at [1-877-382-4357](tel:1-877-382-4357) or visit the [FTC website](https://www.ftc.gov) for more details on scams related to COVID-19. Visit City and County of San Francisco website for [San Francisco public health updates](#).



Learn about  
Coronavirus Scams at  
[ftc.gov/coronavirus](https://ftc.gov/coronavirus)

Source: Federal Trade Commission | FTC.gov

This news content is displayed in its original format and preserved for historical reference. If you need assistance accessing this content in an accessible format, please [contact us](#).

## Featured News

### [Nicole Jones Appointed Assistant Chief of SFPD 25-160](#)

30, 2025 | 9:00

Featured

Announcements

News Release

### [SFPD Arrests Animal Cruelty Suspect 25-161](#)

☐☐ 29, 2025 | 4:00 ☐☐

Featured

Crime News & Tips

Announcements

News Release

## **SFPD's Honda Unit Arrests Suspected Drug Dealer 25-159**

☐☐ 23, 2025 | 1:30 ☐☐

Featured

Crime News & Tips

Announcements

News Release

## **SFPD Announces Arrests Made In Most Recent Retail Theft Operations in the South of Market Neighborhood since Increased Enforcements at the Beginning of This Year 25-158**

☐☐ 22, 2025 | 1:00 ☐☐

Featured

Crime News & Tips

Announcements

News Release