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Be Aware of Scams.

St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ) – The United States government will be soon sending out checks by mail or direct deposit to each adult in the country within the next two to three weeks according to government entities. During this time, you must be aware of scammers. Scammers will ask you for your personal information and they might try to convince you that you can get the money early by paying a service fee.

Scammers will pretend to be a government official and ask for the following:

1. Social Security Number
2. Bank Account Number
3. Credit Card number

Remember the government does not make calls to individuals. All government communication is made by United States Postage mail. If you receive a call and the person is claiming to be a government official, hang up. Or if you feel comfortable, start asking questions from the scammer to obtain the information from the caller to report them, such as their telephone number, name and company they work for.

Other types of scams during this time are at-home testing kits and unknown cures for COVID-19. These testing and treatment scams are frauds. There is no known vaccines or cure for the COVID-19 at this moment. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are currently working with medical developers on developing a vaccine and treatment for the COVID-19.

You can report COVID-19 scams by contacting the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline at (866) 720-5721 or email disaster@leo.gov. In addition, you can report COVID-19 scams to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at tips.fbi.gov.

For more information, contact the Commission at our temporary contact number at (505) 422-3189 or visit Commission website at www.nnhrc.navajo-nsn.gov.

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