

Village of Chenequa

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Dear Village Residents,

The information pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic is continually being updated from numerous government and news sources. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, there are 106 confirmed cases in Wisconsin as of 1400 CST, March 18, 2020. Unfortunately, Cyber criminals are following the headlines and using the COVID-19 outbreak to lure victims into clicking on malicious emails and weblinks. Be cautious with unsolicited/unexpected emails. **[Federal Trade Commission]**

Here are some tips to help you from being a victim:

- Do not click on links from the sources you are unfamiliar with. If you know the source however the email address does not match that source, do not open or click on links in the email. By clicking these links, a virus could be downloaded onto your computer or device. It is important to make sure the anti-malware and anti-virus software on your computer is also up to date.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying that have information about the virus. For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations. If you see ads touting prevention, treatment, or cure claims for the Coronavirus, ask yourself: if there has been a medical breakthrough, would you be hearing about it for the first time through an ad or sales pitch?
- Do your homework when it comes to donations through charities or crowdfunding sites. Do not let anyone rush you into making a donation and if someone solicits donations in cash, gift cards, or by wiring money, it is a scam.
- Be alert to "investment opportunities." The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is warning people about online promotions, including on social media, claiming that the products or services of publicly-traded companies can prevent, detect, or cure coronavirus and that the stock of these companies will dramatically increase in value as a result.

Source: Colleen Tressler Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

As a reminder, please check the website, <u>www.chenequa.org</u> for the most up to date information that is available.

Sincerely,

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