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Message from the Belmar Police Department

Unfortunately, even in this time, there will be a small percentage of people that are going to want to take advantage of you in reference to Coronavirus/COVID-19. In the last several weeks, there have been reports of different types of scams being conducted all over the nation by phone, text, email and even individuals going door to door. Here are a few facts you need to know:

- The health department is not going to be visiting you at home.
- No one, not even the health department is going door to door to conduct a survey whether you or your family has symptoms, has contracted or has tested positive for Coronavirus /COVID-19.
- There is not any medication that you can buy online for any amount of money to protect you from this virus.
- The government will not call, email or text you that your stimulus check is ready and you need to provide them with your social security number, bank account or credit card number or any other personal information.
- Your bank will not be contacting you for your personal information to have a stimulus check deposited into your account. They have your personal information!

If you receive a call, text or email asking for your personal information, it is a scam. You should not give out any personal information over the phone, in a text or email.

If someone comes to your door requesting information on coronavirus/COVID-19, states they are doing a survey or claim to be the health department ask them to leave and call the police department.

If you receive any emails, phone calls or text messages that relate to any of the information in this message, please contact the police department so that a record can be made.

Just to summarize, please do not give out any of your personal information over the phone, in an email, text message or anyone that comes to your door. We are here for you and your health and safety is our top priority. Please contact the Belmar Police Department at 732-681-1700 with any questions or dial 911 if there is an emergency.