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## Beware of COVID-19 Scams Claiming to be from the FDIC

ARLINGTON, VA – The FDIC Office of Inspector General (FDIC OIG) has received allegations that scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic crisis to persuade individuals to pay money to the FDIC in order to receive a benefit authorized by the recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). These scams often use a fraudulent logo of the FDIC, fake FDIC email addresses, names of individuals purportedly from the FDIC, and bogus images of FDIC identification credentials, with FDIC officials depicted. If you receive such correspondence, please refer it to the FDIC OIG Hotline: <u>https://www.fdicoig.gov/oighotline.</u>

Tips from our Hotline help us to achieve our mission to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse related to FDIC programs, operations, and financial institutions.

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