

# Beware of Cybersecurity Attackers Taking Advantage of Coronavirus Uncertainty

As employers are encouraging, and in some instances requiring, employees to work remotely over the coming weeks, it is important for everyone to be careful with their email habits and cyber hygiene. Amongst all of the helpful emails and links informing you of the news and best practices to deal with COVID-19, you will also likely receive malicious emails from cybercriminals looking to exploit your fears with targeted malware. Unfortunately, hackers will use these times of uncertainty as an opportunity to attack. In order to minimize those opportunities, we recommend the following:

1. Use strong passwords and, if possible, two-factor authentication.
2. Avoid pop-ups and unknown emails.
3. Hover your mouse cursor over the sender's email to confirm the sender's email address.
4. Use a secure Wi-Fi connection.
5. Confirm you have anti-virus protection on your home computer.
6. Refrain from providing sensitive information/authorizing financial transactions without first confirming the recipient's address and account information.
7. Exercise continued vigilance.

If you have questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to call your Reinhart attorney or anyone on the [Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Group](#).

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