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Press Release

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COVID-19 Statistic Update and Scams

In the United States, the COVID-19 virus has infected approximately 1.02 million people, and there have been 57,640 deaths. In New York State, there have been 295,106 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and there have been 17,638 deaths statewide with 335 deaths in the last 24 hours. As of 2:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020, Allegany County's COVID-19 statistics are as follows:

Confirmed Cases: 33
Recovered Cases: 28
COVID-19 Related Deaths: 1
Total Quarantined/Isolated to Date: 443
Released from Quarantine/Isolation: 408
Currently Quarantined/Isolated: 35

Please note that Allegany County's COVID-19 statistics have been confirmed, and they differ slightly from the statistics listed on the NYS DOH COVID-19 tracker.

PLEASE BE AWARE that as with any major event or crisis, there are those that try to take advantage of others. County Officials are reporting an increase in attackers masquerading as a reputable entity or person. Most often these types of attacks come through the mail, telephone, or computer. Please be especially leery of anyone asking for money, gift cards, or other type of currency. While some attacks are poorly written and clearly fake, others have gotten quite sophisticated, and it can be difficult to tell that something isn't legitimate until after it's too late. While many scams are trying to obtain money, other scams are designed to trick you into divulging personal and financial information such as passwords, account IDs, or credit card details to name just a few. Cyber criminals have become especially crafty and use public sources of information, including social networks from LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter to gather personal information that they use to trick unsuspecting people. Our insurance carrier identified the following top clues that can indicate that a message is from someone trying to scam you:

- The message uses subdomains, misspelled URLs, or suspicious URLs.
- The recipient uses a Gmail or other public email address rather than a corporate email address.
- The message is written to invoke fear or a sense of urgency.
- The message includes a request to verify personal information, such as financial details or a password.
- The message is poorly written and has spelling and grammatical errors.

For additional COVID-19 questions and information:

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