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NFCU warns of COVID-19 “Relief Funds” scam

An email scam targeting Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU) members includes a potentially dangerous enclosed link, NCIS reported recently.

The text of the message advises potential victims that relief funds available in the amount of \$800 and ask the NFCU member to click the link to validate their NFCU customer data.

According to NFCU, these messages do not originate from NFCU. NFCU advises it does not and will not send messages to members relating to any type of relief funds. Clicking the link within such a message creates a vulnerability to fraud and theft with the potential risk installing malware or other viruses on the victim's devices.

NFCU requests that any messages or suspicious activity concerning NFCU transactions be forwarded to this email address: phishalert@nfcu.org.

Additionally, individuals are asked to notify NCIS via the Tip Line mobile app or on the NCIS webpage: <https://www.ncis.navy.mil/Resources/NCIS-Tips/>

DON personnel are reminded to verify sources of information and be wary of any unsolicited contact with persons or businesses.

If you believe you are a victim of a crime, reach out to your local NCIS office immediately.

For more safety tips from NFCU please visit:

<https://www.navyfederal.org/resources/articles/security/phishing.php>