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## COVID-19 TEST SITE SCAMS

Available tests and testing sites for Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) are limited and scam predators are using this limited availability to set up fake COVID-19 testing sites and invitations to cash in on the crisis! **Do not fall for this scam!**

These scam predators reach out via text message, email, or by setting up a fake site. These sites are dangerous! They are not following sanitation protocols, so they can potentially spread COVID-19! Do not be fooled, even if the sites look real with legitimate-looking signs, tents or hazmat suits.

These scam predators collect personal information, including Social Security numbers, credit card information, and other health information – all of which can be used for identity theft! Additionally, you will not have the results from a legitimate test. **Do not put yourself in harm's way!**

Here are several suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) to keep in mind when looking into testing and test sites:

- **Check** with your doctor if you think you should be tested
- **Always** obtain a referral from your doctor or through the County Public Health Department (DPH) website at <http://www.sbcovid19.com>
- **Never** trust a random testing site you see on the side of the road
- **Do not** respond to emails or text messages from anyone you do not know. **Just delete!** Go straight to the site and look into the information
- **Uncertain** if a site is legitimate? Check with local law enforcement
- **Remember** to keep personally identifiable and financial information safe

**Note:** You may report scam predators to the FTC, Adult Protective Services (APS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact  
**San Bernardino County APS at 1-(877) 565-2020,**  
or your local police department.