

COVID-19 ("CORONAVIRUS")

# ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH POLICE ANNOUNCEMENT



## A Message from the Chief of Police:

I want to thank you all, again, for what you are doing for one another during the COVID-19 emergency. Because we are following the orders of the Governor's Office and PA Department of Health, we are all working together to flatten the curve and stop the spread of this dangerous virus.

The government has passed several very important pieces of legislation that are aimed at helping those in the community that are feeling the pain financially from self-quarantining and stay-at-home orders. In addition to the social distancing and frequent hand washing, one of the most important ways we need to take care of each other now is by understanding how fraudsters are trying to take advantage of COVID-19 to gain access to private information.

When someone contacts you in any way to discuss any stimulus check that you may receive, please take a moment and always ask yourself these three questions:

- Who is this message from?
- What do they want me to do?
- What evidence supports the message?

Remember that the federal government will NEVER contact you by telephone or text message to facilitate the delivery of any assistance that you may receive, and that you will NEVER be asked to pay a processing fee or give anyone any personal information to receive this assistance. I've included links to the following helpful articles that discuss this issue on the Borough website at <https://www.ETownOnline.com/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>:

- **How to avoid phishing scams - Consumer Reports**
- **Protecting your stimulus check. - Federal Trade Commission**
- **Identifying grandparent scams - Federal Trade Commission**
- **60 and over in the world of Coronavirus - Federal Trade Commission**

**Thank you for your dedication to protecting our community.  
We are Etown Strong, and we WILL get through this together!**

**Chief Ed Cunningham**