

# SAFETY MEASURES DELIVER MALWARE INSTEAD



Cyber criminals are exploiting headlines and global panic around the COVID-19 pandemic. Exercise extreme caution with any emails containing a COVID-19-related subject line, attachment, or hyperlinks. Be wary of social media pleas, texts, or calls related to COVID-19.

## Singapore Specialist : Corona Virus Safety Measures

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Tue 1/28/2020 12:19 PM  
To: John Smith

FAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS

Dear Sir,

TOO GENERIC

Go through the attached document on safety measures regarding the spreading of corona virus.  
This little measure can save you.

URGENCY

Use the link below to download

[Safety-Measures.pdf](#)

CHECK FOR FRAUDULENT LINKS

POOR GRAMMAR

Symptoms Common symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathig difficulties. I

Regards,  
Dr. Sheng Hsing  
Specialist wuhan-virus-advisory

**World Health Organization**

**UNUSUAL SENDER OR ACTION**  
How often would you get a email directly from a doctor to your work email?

**LEGEND**

- FAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS
- TOO GENERIC
- BAD LINKS
- URGENCY
- SYNTAX & GRAMMATICAL ERRORS

## 20 SECONDS TO BETTER EMAIL HYGIENE

- WATCH FOR OVERLY GENERIC CONTENT AND GREETINGS**  
Cyber criminals will send a large batch of emails. Look for examples like "Dear valued customer."
- EXAMINE THE ENTIRE FROM EMAIL ADDRESS**  
The first part of the email address may be legitimate but the last part might be off by letter or may include a number in the usual domain.
- LOOK FOR URGENCY OR DEMANDING ACTIONS**  
"You've won! Click here to redeem prize," or "We have your browser history pay now or we are telling your boss."
- CAREFULLY CHECK ALL LINKS**  
Mouse over the link and see if the destination matches where the email implies you will be taken.
- NOTICE MISSPELLINGS, INCORRECT GRAMMAR, & ODD PHRASING**  
This might be a deliberate attempt to try to bypass spam filters.
- CHECK FOR SECURE WEBSITES**  
Any webpage where you enter personal information should have a url with https://. The "s" stands for secure.
- DON'T CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS RIGHT AWAY**  
Attachments containing viruses might have an intriguing message encouraging you to open them such as "Here is the Schedule I promised."