

ACSC warns cyber scams mount during COVID-19 crisis

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Abstract:

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) has released a new threat update, warning cybercriminals continue to target Australians through a range of COVID-19 themed scams, fraud attempts and deceptive email schemes.

Since 10 March 2020 the ACSC has:

- received more than 95 cybercrime reports about Australians losing money or personal information to COVID-19 themed scams and online frauds;
- responded to 20 cyber security incidents affecting COVID-19 response services and/or major national suppliers; and
- disrupted over 150 malicious COVID-19 theme websites.

The ACSC's threat update includes eight case studies of cyber scams, online frauds and phishing campaigns and outlines mitigation strategies to combat them.

The threat update is available here.

The full ACSC media release is available here.