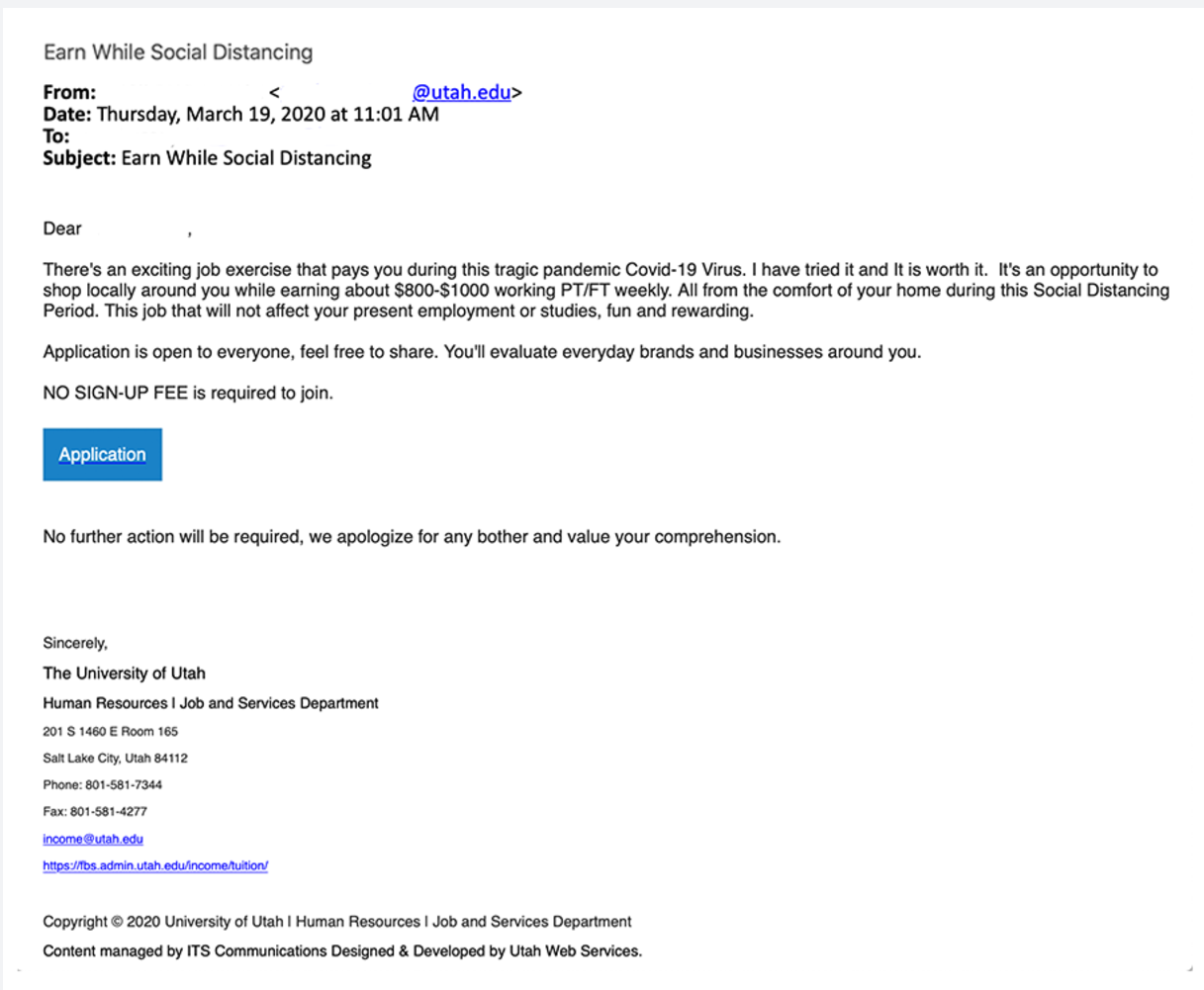




ISO warns of COVID-19 phishing attempts

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The U's Information Security Office (ISO) is urging students, faculty, and staff to remain cautious and alert to possible phishing scams designed to coincide with the COVID-19 outbreak.



Phishing attempts often take the form of spoofed emails, directing recipients to enter login credentials at a fake website that looks almost identical to the legitimate one. University students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to scrutinize official-looking emails and watch for the following common signs of an email phishing attempt:

- Unusual language, poor spelling, or grammar.
- Messaging designed to provoke an emotional response.
- A URL that doesn't match the corresponding web page.
- A link that doesn't match the promised content.

To better protect yourself and your login credentials, please follow these best practices:

- Forward the suspicious email as an attachment to phish@utah.edu. ISO staff will analyze the email and notify you whether it's a phishing attempt.
- Guard your uNID and password like you do your Social Security number.
- Change your passwords often.
- Lock your device screens when not in use.

For more information about phishing, please review [this UIT Knowledge Base article](#).

For more information about recent COVID-19 scams, please visit the following posts from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/02/coronavirus-scammers-follow-headline>
- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/03/ftc-coronavirus-scams-part-2>

If you have questions, your local IT support staff may be able to assist, or you may contact your respective help desk: UIT Help Desk (801-581-4000, option 1) or ITS Service Desk (801-587-6000).



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