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## COVID-19 Daily Report



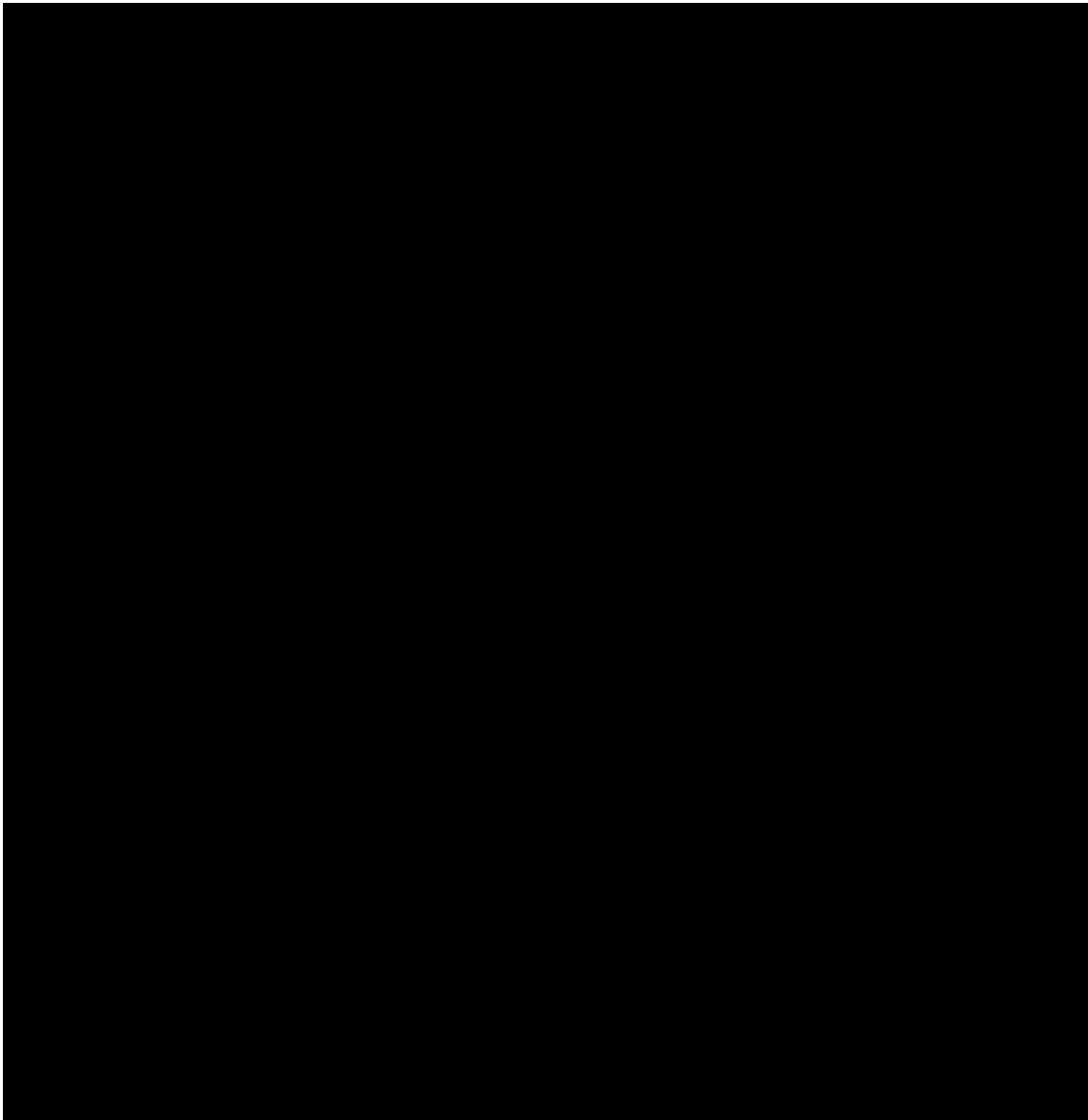
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**TLP: WHITE** – *COVID-19 Phishing Email Indicators* - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) uncovered targeted email phishing attempts to harvest user credentials and compromise targets' computer systems by exploiting fear derived from the COVID-19 pandemic. Through investigations, the FBI continues to identify multiple COVID-19 email phishing campaigns with malicious file attachments and URLs. The attached document outlines the associated indicators of compromise (IOCs) to assist in network defense.

- Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – FBI Flash 

**(U) Nationwide** - *Building a Digital Defense against COVID-19 Extortion Scams* - During the COVID-19-related stay-at-home orders, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has seen an increase in reports of online extortion scams. Because many people are staying inside and likely using the computer more than usual, scammers know they can use this opportunity to find new victims to pressure into sending money. The extortionists' threat: they will release sexually explicit photos or personally compromising videos to the victim's contacts if they do not pay. It's important to remember that scammers adapt their schemes to capitalize on current events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, high-profile data breaches, or new trends involving the Internet, all in an attempt to make their scams seem more authentic.

- Source: <https://cgsentinel.com/article/building-a-digital-defense-against-covid-19-extortion-scams>

**(U) Nationwide** - *FINRA COVID-19 Fraud Task Force Has Referred 50 Potential Scams To SEC* - The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's National Fraud and Financial Crimes Detection Programs, part of the broker-dealer regulator's newly established COVID-19 Fraud Task Force, has referred more than 50 potentially fraudulent COVID-19 scams by public companies to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The referrals have provided direct assistance to the SEC in suspending trading in the shares of more than 20 public companies, FINRA said Friday. On March 23, FINRA hired Greg Ruppert, the former head of Charles Schwab's Financial Crimes Risk Management group, to head the NCFC, which provides surveillance, investigations and examinations of potential fraud associated with the coronavirus pandemic. Ruppert — who also was a Special Agent with the FBI for 17 years, investigating complex financial schemes, terrorist financing and cyber threats — has assembled a task force of 15 FINRA groups to monitor COVID-19 related frauds. Those groups include Fraud Surveillance; Insider Trading and Private Investment in Public Equities Surveillance; Office of the Whistleblower; National Cause, Options Regulatory Services; Anti-Money Laundering (AML); Cybersecurity; Vulnerable Adults and Seniors; Corporate Financing; Member Supervision; Enforcement; and Market Regulation.

- Source: <https://www.thinkadvisor.com/2020/05/01/finra-covid-19-fraud-task-force-has-referred-50-potential-scams-to-sec/>

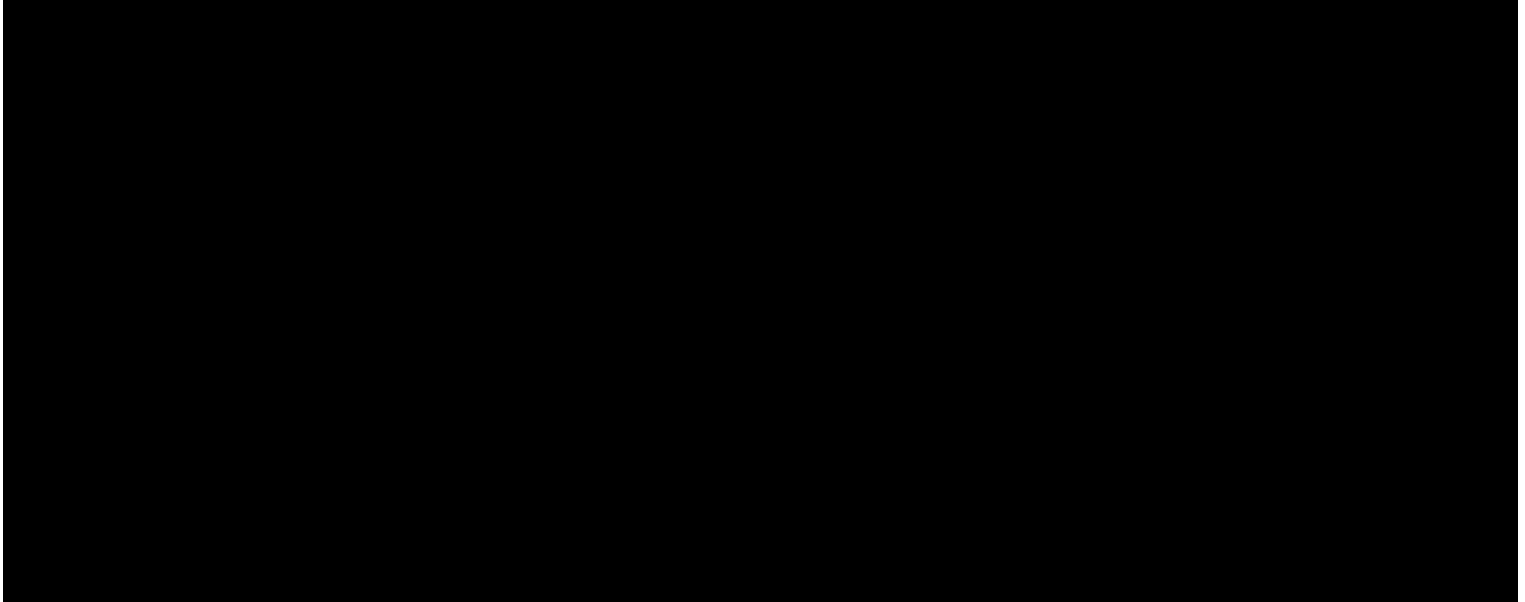
**(U) Nationwide** – *Imported N95-style masks fall short on standards, potentially put Americans at risk for Coronavirus* – United States regulators and state officials are finding a large number of imported N95-style masks are falling short of certification standards, in return, complicating the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These shortcomings are

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potentially putting some front-line workers at a greater risk. Tests conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health found that approximately 60% of 67 different types of imported masks, when tested, allowed in more tiny particles than U.S. standards normally permit.

- Source: <https://www.foxnews.com/world/imported-n95-style-masks-fall-short-on-standards-potentially-put-americans-at-risk-for-coronavirus>



**(U) Chicago, Illinois** – *More Than 1,000 Chicago-Bound Test Kits Seized by CBP in 45 Days* – Since the beginning of the pandemic, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers have seen an increase in unapproved or counterfeit COVID-19 tests being shipped through the mail system. At Chicago O’Hare’s International Mail Facility, which processes 20% of all the international mail coming into the US, CBP has seized 11 shipments containing 1,147 prohibited test kits. The value of these kits is \$10,847, and most of the kits seized came from the UK.

- Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/1147-prohibited-test-kits-seized-chicago-cbp-45-days>

