



National Computer Board



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Computer Emergency Response Team of Mauritius (CERT-MU)

Communiqué

The Computer Emergency Response Team of Mauritius (CERT-MU), a division of the National Computer Board, operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation has noted that fake news and information related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are being posted and shared on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Whatsapp.

Personal details of COVID-19 victims are also being shared without authorisation of the government authorities on these platforms.

The CERT-MU wishes to remind citizens that these are offences under the Section 46 (ga), (h)(ii) of the amended Information and Communication Technology Act 2001 and they should refrain from doing so as this may lead to the legal sanctions.

CERT-MU advises the public to:

- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails and beware of email attachments related to COVID-19
- Use trusted sources such as legitimate, government websites for up-to-date, fact-based information about COVID-19
- Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information
- Refrain from posting personal information related to COVID-19 victims
- Do not share any unverified details on the coronavirus
- Be cautious of online advertisements selling hygienic products such as masks, hand sanitizer

The public may report any cyber incident related to the COVID-19 on the Mauritian Cybercrime Online Reporting System (MAUCORS - maucors.govmu.org).

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