



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19 PHISHING SCAMS



Coronavirus

As we continue to move through 2020 it has become very clear that cyber criminals are taking advantage of the COVID-19 crisis as they continue to target new victims every day.

PHISHING ATTEMPTS SPIKED BY

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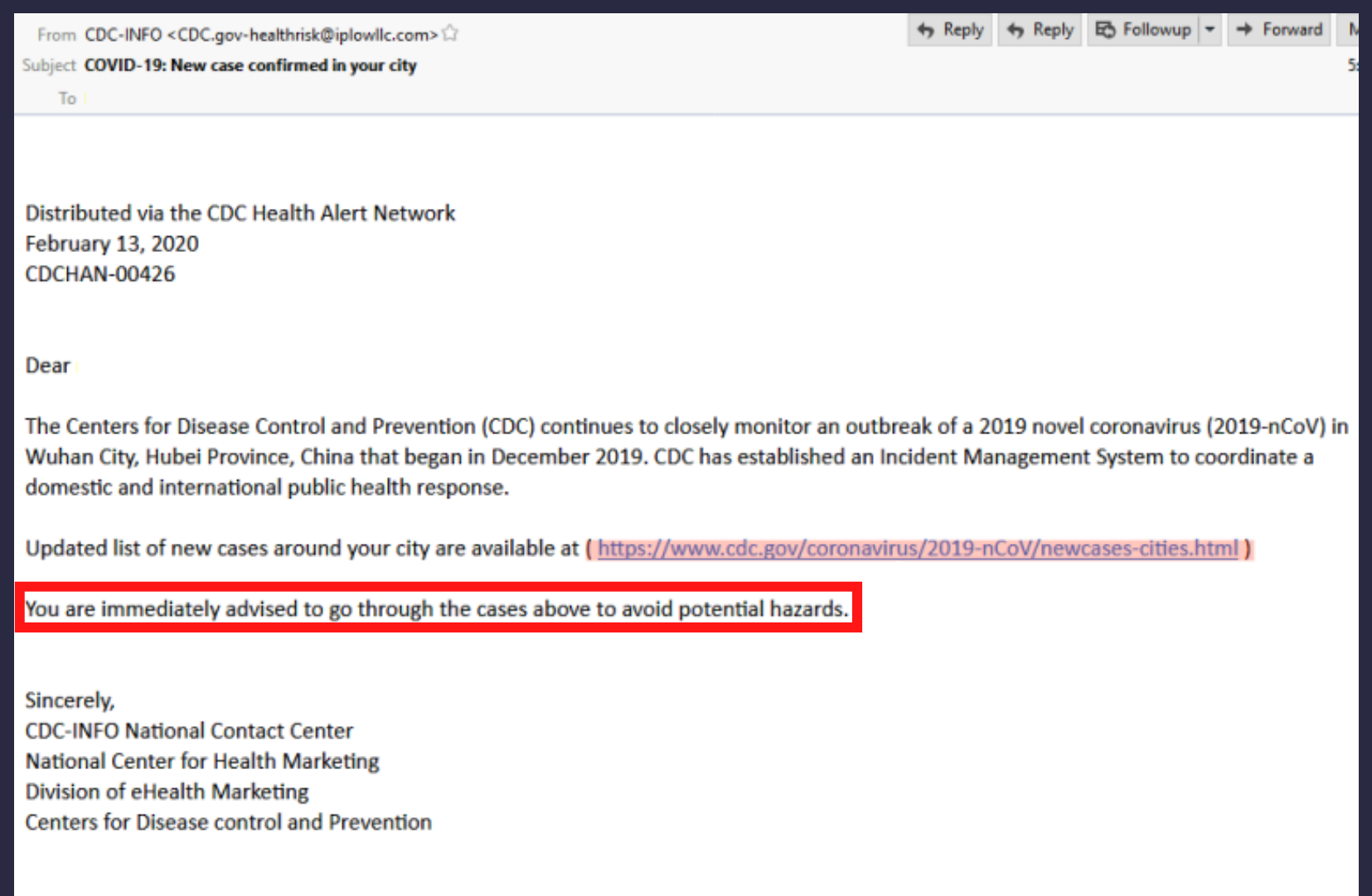
DURING THE PANDEMIC

COVID SCAM EMAILS A DAY

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR:

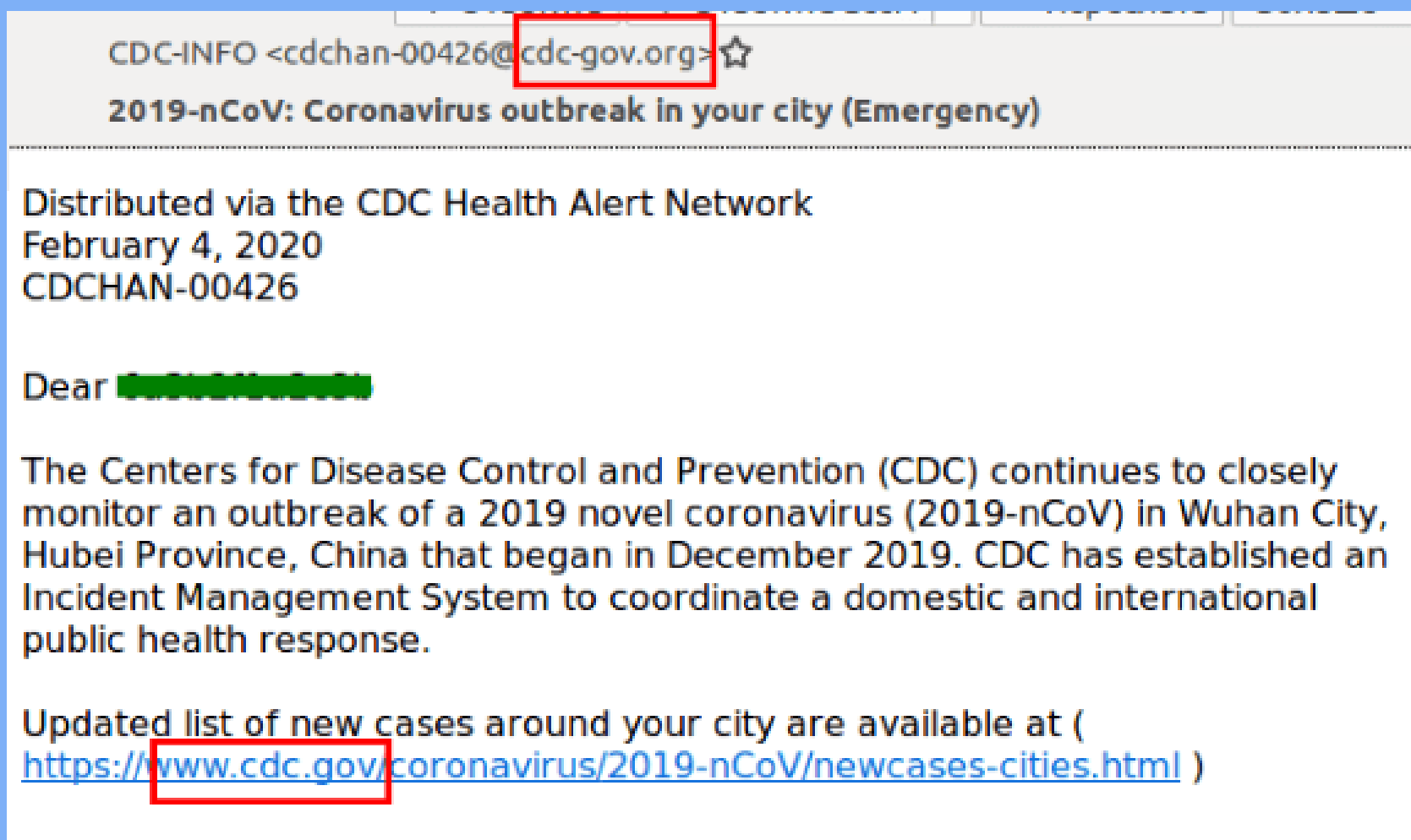
ONE CONVEYS A SENSE OF URGENCY:

Does this email read like action must be taken immediately? Emails with demanding requests and a sense of urgency are created to distract the reader from their true intentions.



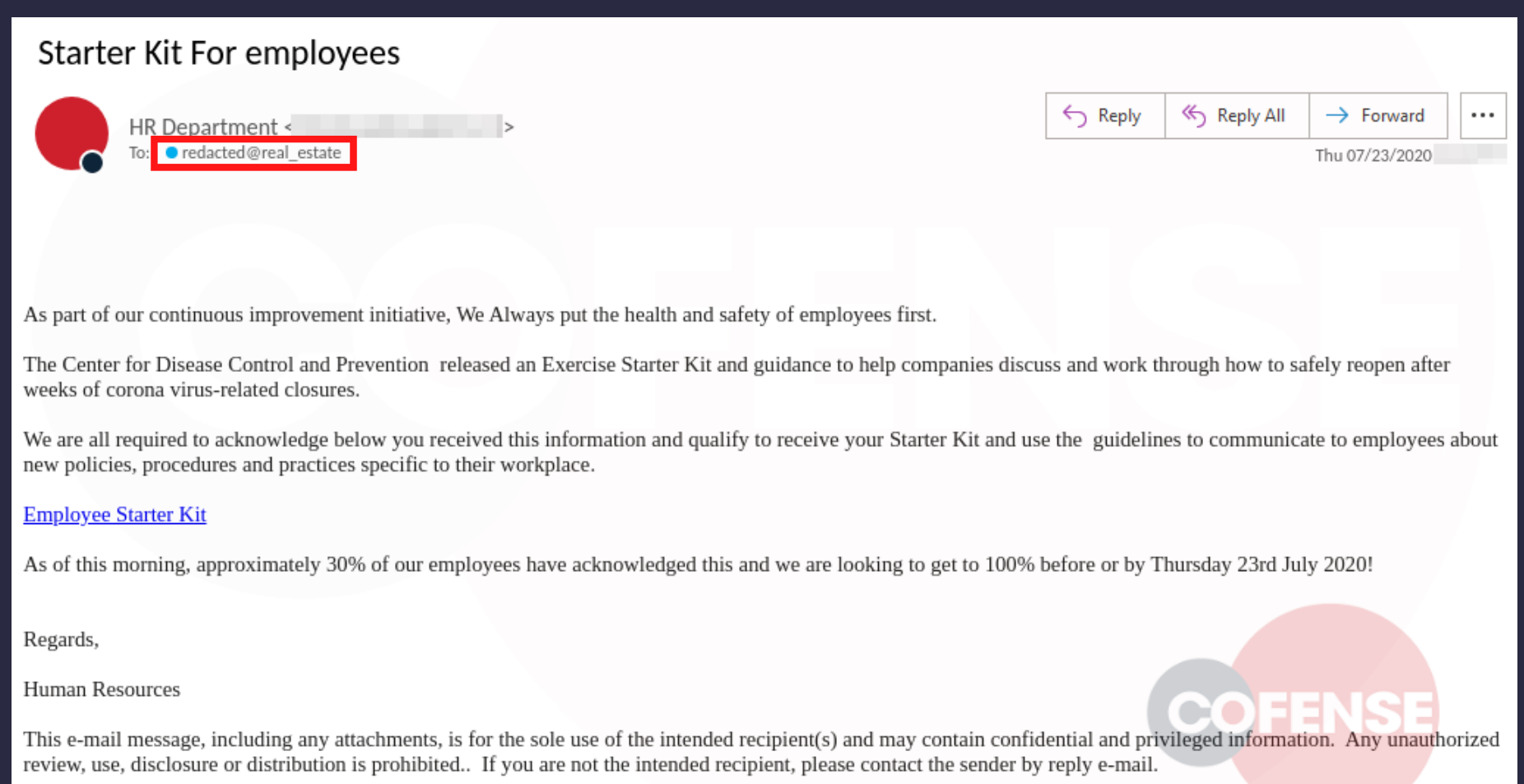
EMAIL ADDRESS DOES NOT MATCH BUSINESS NAME OR LOCATION:

If you look closely and notice the FROM email address has misspellings within it, or frankly doesn't match the organization they seem to represent, this is a clear sign that something is wrong.



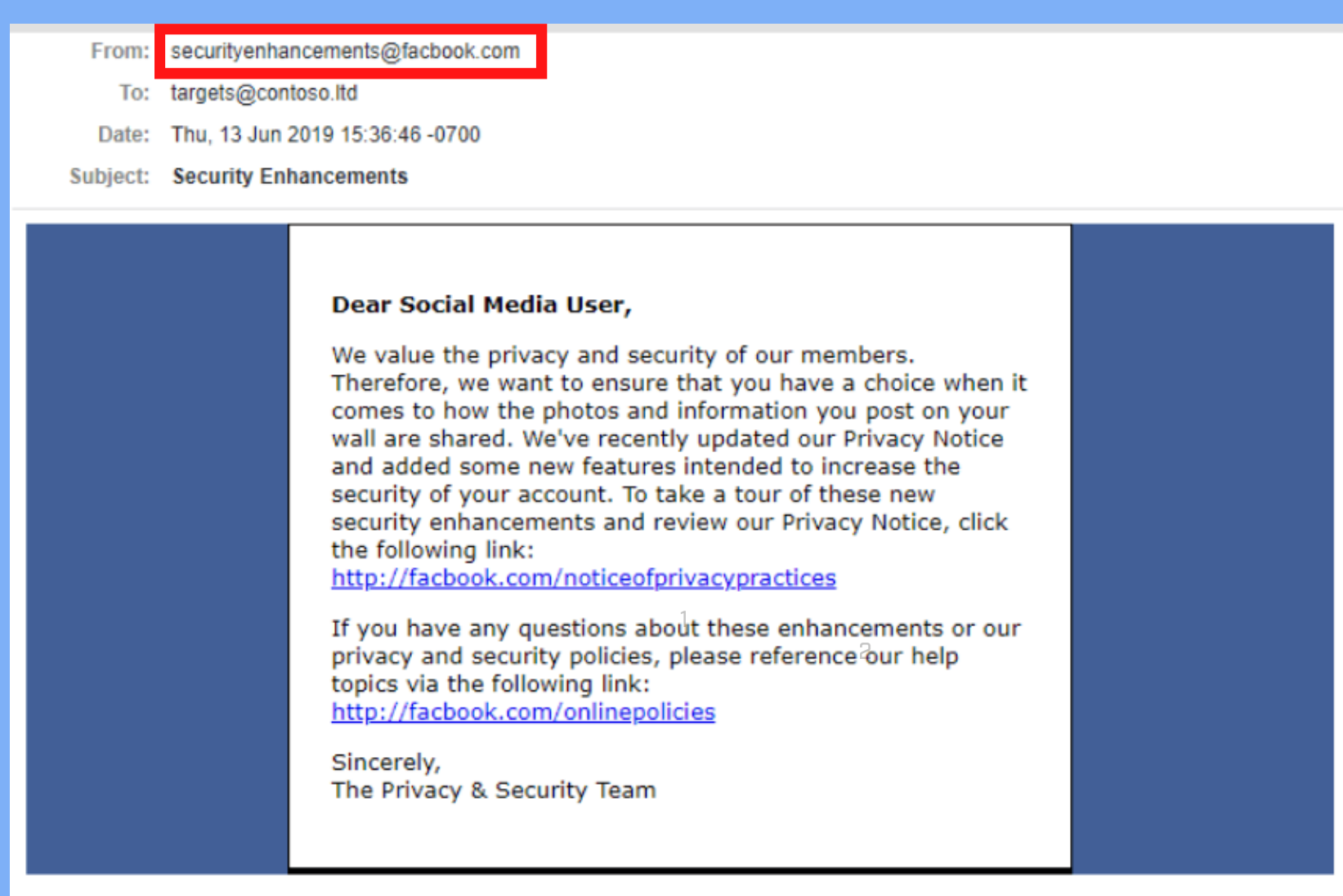
UNCOMMON REQUESTS FROM SOMEONE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION:

Is this email coming from someone you do not normally work with? Would they normally be asking for your help to complete the project or task? If this is the first time you are getting an urgent request from the CEO, it might be a phishing scam using management's title to hide their true intentions.



COMMON WORDS ARE MISPELLED:

Many times the true sign of a suspicious email are common words that are easily misspelled. These misspellings are to give the email a human touch, providing enough human error to seem credible without drawing attention to other items that are different, such as hidden links or the FROM email mentioned above.



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