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May 22, 2020

Increased Number of Fraudulent Unemployment Claims and What to Do About Them

Dear Colleagues,

An increasing number of fraudulent unemployment claims are being reported by University of Maine System employees or discovered during routine reviews of documentation submitted to the Maine Department of Labor.

This is a national trend with state unemployment offices across the country experiencing similar difficulties in the administration of unemployment claims. Criminals are taking advantage of relaxed waiting periods and mass approvals associated with the COVID-19 pandemic emergency to commit identity theft with the potential to illegally gain access to fraudulent disbursements.

Here are some important things you need to know as an employee of the University of Maine System:

- In investigating the source of identity theft in regard to UMS employee unemployment claims, it has been determined that there are currently no indications of a security breach of the University of Maine data systems.
- Should you receive any correspondence from the Maine Department of Labor concerning unemployment claims which you know to be false or questionable,

report it immediately to your Office of Human Resources.

- A review of unemployment claims filed by University of Maine System employees is standard procedure upon notification from the DOL that an unemployment claim has been filed. Employees will be notified by the HR office if any claims appear suspect.
- Should it be discovered that a fraudulent claim has been filed in your name, the University of Maine System informs the Maine DOL that a fraudulent claim has been detected and advised not to process it. It is classified as having been submitted in error with no further action on your part required.
- There are a number of resources available for individuals who believe that they are the victims of identity theft and include:

The Maine Attorney General's Web Site with information on free credit freeze options:

https://www.maine.gov/ag/privacy/identity_theft.shtml.

The Federal Trade Commission site for the victims of identity theft with information on key steps to take if you believe you have had your information compromised:

<https://identitytheft.gov/>

Please visit these helpful sites to assist not only in understanding the potential consequences of fraudulent activity in your name and steps you may take to mitigate it, but to learn more about how to protect yourself against identity theft in the future.

As always, should you believe yourself to be the victim of identity theft or aware of a potential data breach in the course of your work on behalf of the University of the Maine System, please contact the Office of Information Security at infosecurity@maine.edu or 207-581-9105. Reports of suspected phishing emails may be submitted at phish@maine.edu

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your Human Resources partner for further information or guidance.

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