

## Information Security Update

### Increased incidence of Phishing and Spear Phishing

ITS has blocked the transfer of personally identifiable information, specifically **Social Security Numbers, US Passport Numbers, US Bank Account Numbers, and US Credit Card Numbers**, through our Office 365 domain to protect Hudson County Community College from a data breach. ITS has selected Microsoft's recommended data protection policy as the criteria. Users receive an email like this facsimile when sending this information either through email or links to OneDrive. If you receive an email notification and believe it is in error, reach out to the Help Desk.

The subject is Message Block

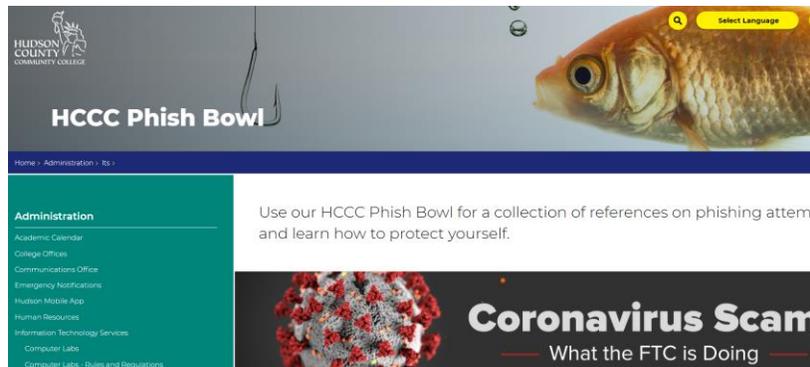
Your email message conflicts with a policy in your organization. The message wasn't delivered to all recipients. Issues:

- Message is sent to people within your organization.
- Message contains the following sensitive information: U.S. Social Security Number (SSN)

Message is attached.

### Phish Bowl

ITS will post known phishing attacks, email fraud, and other fraudulent messages examples on a website page called the Phish Bowl. This section also includes general information about information security and advice about cybercrime.



<https://www.hccc.edu/administration/its/phish-bowl/index.html>

### Phishing Definitions

**Phishing:** The attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and, indirectly, money), often for malicious reasons, by disguising as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.

**Spear Phishing:** An email-spoofing attack that targets a specific organization or individual, seeking unauthorized access as in a normal phishing attack. This attacker personalizes the message to the person or organization.

### Personally Identifiable Information includes:

- Social security number
- State-issued driver's license number
- State-issued passport number
- Financial account number
- Date of Birth (most sensitive when combined with a name or another identifier)