



COVID-19 Vaccination Scams

Overview

Scammers are using the COVID-19 vaccine rollout to create ways to steal money and personal information. This resource provides information about potential scams related to the COVID-19 vaccine and how you can protect yourself against them.



What are some red flags (warning signs) of a COVID-19 vaccine scam?

- You are asked to pay out-of-pocket to get the vaccine.
- You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or other list to get early access.
- You receive advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources.
- You talk to someone offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment.
- You are offered to undergo additional medical testing or procedures when obtaining a vaccine.
- Advertisers claim FDA approval for a vaccine that cannot be proved when you look it up online.
- Individuals contacting you in person, by phone, or by email to tell you the government or government officials require you to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.



What are some ways that I can avoid a COVID-19 vaccine-related fraud?

- Go to Pennsylvania's Department of Health's [COVID-19 vaccine website](#) for up-to-date information about authorized vaccine distribution channels and only obtaining a vaccine through such channels.
- Check the [FDA's website](#) for current information about vaccine emergency use authorizations.
- Consult your primary care physician before undergoing any vaccination.
- Don't share your personal or health information with anyone other than known and trusted medical professionals.
- Check your medical bills and insurance explanation of benefits (EOBs) for any suspicious claims and promptly report any errors to your health insurance provider.
- Follow guidance and recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other trusted medical professionals.



Beware of the following methods that scammers may use:

- Calls, texts, or emails about the vaccine.
- Ads for fake vaccines or "miracle cures" in the form of supplements or vitamins that have not been proven to work.



For More Information on COVID-19 Vaccine Scams:

- [Resource from Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Department of Justice](#)
- [Resource from the Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)