

## Ways to Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Although reports about the release of COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. by the end of the year are promising, distribution plans are still being worked out. While we wait for a timeline and more information beware of fraudulent claims regarding the sale and distribution of the vaccine.

- ❖ For most people living in the U.S., state agencies—not individuals—will be responsible for implementing vaccine distribution plans. You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- ❖ If you get a call, text, email (or even someone knocking on your door) claiming that they can provide you early access to the vaccine, it's a scam. Do not pay for any promises of early access to the vaccine.
- ❖ **IGNORE ANY VACCINE OFFERS THAT ASK FOR YOUR PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION. LEGITIMATE VACCINE RESOURCES WILL NOT ASK FOR YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BANK ACCOUNT, OR DEBIT/CREDIT CARD NUMBER.** Be wary of calls, texts, emails, or weblinks using promises of the vaccine to phish for your personal information.



For more information about COVID-related scams and tips on how to recognize, avoid and report them, see [ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams](https://ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams).

**If you have any questions please call our Customer First Contact Center at (203) 462-4400**  
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