

## How to Spot a COVID-19 Vaccine Scam!

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The Oregon Attorney General has already cracked down on scammers who claim they can prevent or cure COVID-19. Now you can help us spot COVID-19 vaccine scammers before they succeed at scamming you and cashing in.

## **Tips for Spotting a COVID-19 Vaccine Scam:**

- You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine. If someone calls to offer an appointment for a payment, that is a scam.
- Do not pay to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone who wants money to put you on a list, make an appointment for you, or reserve a spot in line is a scammer.
- Worried about cost? If you are uninsured, on Medicare, an employer plan, private insurance, or the Oregon Health Plan, you do not have to pay to get the vaccine.
- **Ignore sales ads for the vaccine.** The vaccine is only available through federal or state partners. You cannot buy it anywhere.
- **Nobody legitimate will call, text, or email** about the vaccine and ask for your Social Security number, bank account information, or credit card number.
- You are not required to provide a Social Security number when registering for a vaccine appointment.

Visit <u>COVIDVaccine.oregon.gov</u> for Oregon-specific information about the COVID-19 vaccine. If you spot a COVID-19 scam, contact the Oregon Department of Justice at <u>www.OregonConsumer.gov</u>.

