

# Avoiding COVID-19 Vaccine Scams



Connecticut is in the process of distributing the COVID-19 vaccine in a phased approach based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Be on the lookout for scams that promise to provide alternate ways of securing the vaccine.

## Scams to watch for:

- 1 You are asked to pay to get the vaccine
- 2 You are asked to pay to get early access to the vaccine
- 3 You are asked to pay to have the vaccine shipped to you


## Protect yourself

- Do not give your personal information to unknown sources.
- Be wary of advertisements for the vaccine through social media, email, telephone calls, online, or from unknown sources.
- Any important information regarding the vaccine will come from a reputable source, such as the CDC or [CT.gov](http://CT.gov).

## How to report concerns

If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, you can report it to:

- **U.S Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General**  
**Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS** or [tips.hhs.gov](http://tips.hhs.gov).
- **FBI Hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI** or [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).
- **CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE**.
- **CarePartners of Connecticut Fraud Hotline: 1-877-824-7123** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Fraud Hotline helps to answer questions, concerns, or complaints about possible health care fraud.

 For additional information on COVID-19 fraud prevention, visit:



[fbi.gov/coronavirus](http://fbi.gov/coronavirus)  
[justice.gov/coronavirus](http://justice.gov/coronavirus)  
[oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus](http://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus)