



BEWARE: EVOLVING PANDEMIC CYBERTHREATS

PHISHING EMAILS EXPLOITING COVID-19 VACCINE ACCESS



Cybercriminals are taking advantage of the limited availability and confusion surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine in an attempt to deceive you. Avoid interacting with any emails containing COVID-related news, offers or requests, since many of these are phishing scams.

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Dosage Reservation

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Thu 3/1/2021 11:43 AM
To: Jane Doe

FAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS:
Incorrect "healthcare" spelling

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Reserve Your COVID-19 Vaccine Today!

Hello [[first_name]]

TOO GENERIC / SPAM PERSONALIZATION ERROR

This is a reminder that you are able to reserve your dose of the COVID-19 vaccine through your healthcare portal.

URGENCY

If you are interested, please take the time to fill out the proper information by using the button below:

Reserve Vaccine Here

FAKE LINK:
<http://ccovidd.ccd.gov/covid-vaccines/#reserv>

If you have trouble filling out the required information, please let our patient services team know and someone will be able to assist you.

SUSPICIOUS LINK:
<http://28djjm93.ccovidd.ccd.gov/help>

Thank you,
Martha Stoffel
Customer Outreach Representative

TOO GENERIC / NO CONTACT INFORMATION

LEGEND

- FAKE E-MAIL ADDRESS
- BAIT TACTIC
- TOO GENERIC
- BAD LINKS
- URGENCY
- SYNTAX & GRAMMATICAL ERRORS



TIPS FOR GOOD EMAIL HYGIENE

- 1 WATCH FOR OVERLY GENERIC CONTENT AND GREETINGS**
Cyber criminals will send a large batch of emails. Look for examples like "Dear valued customer."

5 NOTICE MISSPELLINGS, INCORRECT GRAMMAR, & ODD PHRASING
This might be deliberate attempt to try to bypass spam filters.
- 2 EXAMINE THE ENTIRE FROM EMAIL ADDRESS**
The first part of the email address may be legitimate but the last part might be off by letter or may include a number in the usual domain.

6 CHECK FOR SECURE WEBSITES
Any webpage where you enter personal information should have a url with https://. The "s" stands for secure.
- 3 LOOK FOR URGENCY OR DEMANDING ACTIONS**
"You've won! Click here to redeem prize," or "We have your browser history pay now or we are telling your boss."

7 DON'T CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS RIGHT AWAY
Virus containing attachments might have an intriguing message encouraging you to open them such as "Here is the Schedule I promised."
- 4 CAREFULLY CHECK ALL LINKS**
Mouse over the link and see if the links destination matches where the email implies you will be taken.

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