

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) VACCINE SCAM

EXPLOITING THE CORONAVIRUS: VACCINE INVITATION SCAM

Access to the COVID-19 vaccine is leaving many people anxiously waiting for their turn to be inoculated to further protect themselves from the virus. Cybercriminals are taking advantage of this anxiety with vaccine-themed phishing emails.

A recent phishing attack via email claims that you have the opportunity to get vaccinated and it includes a link to accept the invitation. If you click on the link, a convincing health service look-alike page opens. The phony site asks for personal information such as your name, address, and phone number, along with your credit card and banking details. Unfortunately, any information that you provide here goes straight to the cybercriminals and you are not in line for vaccination.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO STAY SAFE FROM SIMILAR SCAMS:



We all want the pandemic to be over and this attack tries to exploit those feelings. Don't let the bad guys toy with your emotions. Any time there is a request for banking information or a SSN – that is a red flag. Think before you click!



Don't trust an email. Visit an official government website or your local health department for information on vaccine availability.



Remember, even if the sender appears to be a legitimate organization, the email address could be forged.

