



COVID-19 FRAUD ALERT

A MESSAGE FROM THE LANGLEY CITY **CRIME** PREVENTION TASK GROUP

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to provide scammers with opportunities to take advantage of Canadians.

Do not buy COVID-19 vaccines online or from unauthorized sources. The only way to access safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines is through clinics organized or endorsed by your local public health authority.

If you have questions about getting vaccinated, contact your family physician or local health care provider.

Protect yourself, beware of:

Coronavirus and vaccination-themed emails or text messages that are trying to trick you to open attachments or links to:

- install malicious apps and viruses on your device which will give them access to your accounts
- freeze your computer, forcing you to call a toll-free number and then demand money from you to unfreeze your account or device

Unsolicited calls and door-to-door salespeople claiming to offer Coronavirus and vaccination-themed products, or services are trying to scam you by:

- needing an up-front fee to provide a service
- selling fraudulent vaccinations through a private pharmacy or company
- peddling products and services to decontaminate your home or place of work

Trusted resources and advice

If you didn't initiate contact, you don't know who you're communicating with on the other end. Never respond or click on suspicious links and attachments.

If you have been a victim of fraud, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. Don't be afraid to come forward. You are not alone. We are here to help you.