

Fraud Alert

COVID-19 Vaccine Scams



With the distribution of vaccines for Covid-19 now underway, it is important to be aware of scams seeking to take advantage of the elderly and other vulnerable populations. Seniors should be particularly vigilant for callers, texters or visitors seeking money or their private information in order to receive a vaccine.

This month the United States Department of Health and Human Services issued the following tips to protect yourself from Covid-19 fraud:

- 1** You will **NOT** be asked for money to improve your ranking for vaccine eligibility
- 2** Government and State officials will **NOT** call you to obtain personal information in order to receive the vaccine, and you will **NOT** be solicited door to door to receive the vaccine.
- 3** Medicare will **NOT** contact you to offer you Covid-19 related products
- 4** **Do NOT respond to or open any text messages or hyperlinks from unknown senders**
- 5** **Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering vaccinations, tests, or supplies***

*US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General <https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/fraud-alert-covid19.asp>

If you are 60 years or older and believe you have been a victim of fraud, contact Legal Aid Society's Elder Justice Fellow at (502) 614-3154 or btaylor@laslou.org to see what assistance may be available to you.