



# 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.**