

Essex Police Fraud Alert System

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VACCINATION SCAMS CONTINUE!

Following on from the previous alert regarding vaccination text messages, there is a new fraudulent vaccination email being circulated. Again, this looks very convincing and could easily be mistaken for a genuine NHS email.

Do not click the link as it takes the recipient to a malicious website that steals personal details. These details are then used by the criminals to access other personal accounts.

Remember:

- **Never** click on any links in unsolicited emails
- **Check** the email address is genuine by hovering over it or clicking and holding
- **The vaccine is free and the NHS will never ask you for bank or payment details**

The image shows a screenshot of a fraudulent email from NHS Test and Trace. The email header includes the NHS logo and 'Test and Trace'. The main body of the email states: 'This is a public health message from NHS. As part of the government's coordinated response to Coronavirus, NHS is performing selections for coronavirus vaccination on the basis of family genetics and medical history. You have been selected to receive a coronavirus vaccination. Use this service to confirm/reject your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination: >> NHS - Accept invitation >> NHS - Decline invitation'. A large red stamp with the word 'SCAM' is overlaid on the right side of the email content. Below the links, there is a note: 'NOTE: The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is safe and effective. It gives you the best protection against coronavirus.' and a section titled 'Who can use this service' which states: 'You can only use this service if you have received an email/SMS regarding this invitation. You can not use this service for anyone other than yourself. You are also free to reject this invitation, your appointment will be issued to the next person in line in that case.' The footer of the email reads 'NHS National Health Service GOV.UK'.



If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police** on 101
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

Keep up to date with fraud and
do **even more** Online **at** essex.police.uk

