

COVID-19 Scams

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect us all, and scammers continue to do all they can to take advantage of it.



How these scams work:

- 1.** You may get an offer to “Skip the line” for quicker access to the COVID-19 vaccine—for a fee. **Ignore the offer. It’s a lie.**
- 2.** You may see deals to access in-demand supplies, like face masks, test kits and household cleaners. **Don’t fall for these deals when you see ads offering hard to obtain supplies.**
- 3.** You may receive messages from a family member or friend’s social media account saying they can get you a “COVID relief grant.” **Be suspicious of any message or post with a special offer, even from someone you know. Check with your friend via other means (e.g., email, phone). If their account has been hacked, they should change their password.**
- 4.** You may receive text messages from alleged contact tracers where there’s a link to click for more info about your supposed exposure to the virus. **Ignore them. Real contact tracers will not send you links, and they will not ask for money or personal information like a Medicare ID or Social Security number.**



Learn more about COVID-19 vaccine eligibility and distribution in Pennsylvania at **aarp.org/PAvaccine**

To learn more about COVID-19 scams, visit aarp.org/covid19fraud. Suspect a scam? Call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360