

December 3, 2009 – This is a Low Level Alert. PHISHING SCAM CDC Sponsored State Vaccination Program for H1N1

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An example of the phishing email is below:



Users that click on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having malicious code installed on their system. CDC reminds users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

- Do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.
- Do not click links embedded in emails from unknown senders.
- Use caution when entering personal information online.
- Update anti-virus, spyware, firewall, and anti-spam software regularly.

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