

## IGNORE BOGUS COVID VACCINE SURVEYS



People across the country are reporting getting emails and texts out of the blue, asking them to complete a limited-time survey about the Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca vaccine. (And no doubt, there may be one for Johnson & Johnson, too.) In exchange, people are offered a **free reward, but asked to pay shipping fees.**

\*\*\*\*\* IT'S NOT FREE IF YOU HAVE TO PAY \*\*\*\*\*

No legitimate survey asks for your credit card or bank account number to pay for a “free” reward.

If you get an email or text you’re not sure about:

- Don’t click on any links or open attachments. Doing so could install harmful malware that steals your personal information without you realizing it.
- Don’t call or use the number in the email or text. If you want to call the company that supposedly sent the message, look up its phone number online.

Remember:

- Don’t give your bank account, credit card, or personal information to someone who contacts you out of the blue.
- Never pay for anything using a gift card (other than for the purpose intended). Gift cards are for gifts, and not for monetary payments.
- Filter unwanted text messages. Check your phone’s user instructions for how-tos on blocking unwanted numbers; contact your wireless service provider to see if there is a blocking tool or service; check into call blocking apps – [cita.org](http://cita.org) is a website for the wireless industry offering options from different providers (cita.org partners with the FTC and the FCC).
- If you get an email or text that asks for your personal information and you think it could be a scam, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)

To learn more about COVID-related frauds and scams, visit [ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams](http://ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams).