

COVID-19 VACCINATION RECORD CARD FRAUD—

<https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2021/PSA210330>

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FBI WARNS—If You Make or Buy a Fake COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, You Endanger Yourself and Those Around You, and You Are Breaking the Law

The unauthorized use of an official government agency's seal (such as HHS or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) is a crime, and may be punishable under Title 18 United States Code, Section 1017, and other applicable laws.

Vaccination record cards are intended to provide recipients of the COVID-19 vaccine with information about the type of vaccine they received, and when they may be able to receive a second dose of the vaccine.

What You Should Know:

As businesses and universities talk of requiring Proof of Vaccinations (Airlines, cruises, some stores and colleges), fraudsters are once again taking advantage of the headlines.

Individuals are selling blank, fake COVID-19 vaccination cards. These cards are being openly advertised for sale on social media, blogs and other platforms at \$20-\$60 ea. They are also sold in bundles at a discount, and laminated ones are also offered at a higher cost.

Potentially thousands were sold to anti-vaccine groups and other individuals who are opposed to the Covid-19 vaccine and publicly boasted about buying the fake cards.



How to Respond:

- ◆ If you did not receive the vaccine, **do not buy fake vaccine cards;**
- ◆ **Do not make your own vaccine cards;**
- ◆ **Do not fill-in blank vaccination record cards with false information;**
- ◆ **Do not post photos of your vaccine card to social media websites—your personal information could be stolen to commit fraud;**
- ◆ Because individuals may use fake vaccine cards to misrepresent themselves as vaccinated, you are strongly encouraged to **follow CDC guidance** and continue to maintain social distancing and use personal protective equipment;.
- ◆ **Report** suspicious activity involving fake vaccination record cards, please contact the appropriate government agency in your state or jurisdiction, HHS-OIG (1-800-HHS-TIPS) or www.oig.hhs.gov; or the Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov).

For more information about the dangers of sharing your vaccination status on social media:

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/el-paso/news/press-releases/fbi-el-paso-warns-about-not-posting-your-cdc-covid-19-vaccination-card-on-social-media-platforms>

REPORT all scams to the Arkansas SMP—866-726-2916



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Be mindful of what you share on social media. Posting content that includes your date of birth, health care details or other personally identifiable information can be used to steal your identity. Report suspicious activity to the OIG Hotline at [TIPS.HHS.GOV](https://tips.hhs.gov).

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

Jane

Last Name

Doe

First Name

4/1/1976

Date of Birth

987654321

Patient Number

WARNING

Don't share personally identifiable information on social media!

Vaccine	Lot No.	Date	Location
Dose No.			
Dose No.			

Report Fraud: [TIPS.HHS.GOV](https://tips.hhs.gov) | 1-800-447-8477