



## COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Plan

### ISSUE: Suspicious Unsolicited Offers of COVID-19 Vaccine for Sale

**CURRENT SITUATION:** The RCMP is aware that government officials have received unsolicited offers of COVID-19 vaccine for sale. These offers, which are directed at federal, provincial, and territorial governments, are **deemed to be suspicious** and should be reported to the RCMP for further investigation. The emails may actually be attempted frauds, offers to sell stolen vaccine, or efforts by malicious actors to test or breach security. These offers may be convincing and appear to come from individuals or companies, claiming to have large quantities of doses available and that the offer is a time-sensitive/limited offer – to provoke a sense of urgency. The offers may be for COVID-19 vaccines that are already or are not yet approved for use in Canada.

**BACKGROUND:** On behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada, and based on advice from the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) was the lead department who negotiated and finalized all of the advance purchase agreements with seven suppliers of COVID-19 vaccine candidates (AstraZeneca, Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Medicago, Novavax, and Sanofi and GlaxoSmithKline). These negotiations and agreements are taking place through **already-established** procurement channels. All vaccine candidates will require Health Canada authorization prior to being imported or used to vaccinate anyone in Canada. For further information, see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/procuring-vaccines-covid19.html>

**ACTION TO TAKE:** Should you receive any of these fraudulent offers of COVID-19 vaccine for sale or similar suspicious emails:

- **Do NOT** respond to the email/message;
- **Do NOT** click on links or open attachments;
- **Inform** your Departmental Security program;
- **Engage** with Health Canada's Health Product Compliance Directorate by providing information online at: <https://health.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/compliance-enforcement/problem-reporting/health-product-complaint-form-0317.html>
- Your DSO/CSO should **report the incident** to the RCMP National Critical Infrastructure Team via [SIR-SIS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:SIR-SIS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

For Police of Jurisdiction (POJ), please advise the RCMP National Operations Centre (NOC) through existing channels.

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