

ISOC Advisory 2009-062 Yellow Wide Spread H1N1 Phishing Scam

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Risk Rating/Severity: High

Overview:

Email "phishing" attacks are circulating with malicious intent to take advantage of people's concerns about the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) outbreak/vaccination. These emails appear to come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Users should take precautions to avoid falling prey to potential scams, including fraudulent emails or websites purporting to have information about the H1N1.

The following email was reported to the ISOC by a State of Colorado Agency:

You have received this e-mail because of the launching of State Vaccination H1N1 Program.

You need to create your personal H1N1 (swine flu) Vaccination Profile on the cdc.gov website. The Vaccination is not obligatory, but every person that has reached the age of 18 has to have his personal Vaccination Profile on the cdc.gov site. This profile has to be created both for the vaccinated people and the not-vaccinated ones. This profile is used for the registering system of vaccinated and not-vaccinated people. Create your Personal H1N1 Vaccination Profile using the link:

[Create Personal Profile](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) · 1600 Clifton Rd · Atlanta GA 30333 · 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636)

If you receive an email like this DO NOT click on the link or roll over the link with your mouse, simply delete the email without responding.

Please remind users of the following guidelines they may use to protect themselves both at work and home:

- Never send passwords, bank account numbers, or other private information in an e-mail.
- Avoid clicking links in e-mails, especially any that are requesting private information.
- Be wary of any unexpected e-mail attachments or links, *even from people you know*.
- Never enter private or personal information into a pop-up.
- Look for 'https://' and a lock icon in the address bar before entering any private information.
- Do not visit un-trusted websites or follow links provided by unknown or un-trusted sources. Visit reliable sources, such as your state's health department website or the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for accurate information about the Swine Flu.
- Protect your computer(s) by ensuring all patches and anti-virus software are up-to-date.

Report any suspicious activity or infections to the ISOC immediately at: isoc@state.co.us or 303-764-7760

Thank you,

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