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Summary: The Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO) at the CDC, with the Cyber Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) have received reports of fraudulent emails (phishing) referencing a **CDC sponsored State Vaccination Program** for the H1N1 "Swine Flu" contagion. CDC has **NOT** implemented a state vaccination program requiring registration on www.cdc.gov. Users that click on the embedded link in the email are at risk of having malicious code installed on their system. OCISO would like to remind users to take the following steps to reduce the risk of being a victim of a phishing attack:

1. Do not follow unsolicited links and do not open or respond to unsolicited email messages.
2. Use caution when visiting un-trusted websites.
3. Use caution when entering personal information online.

For an example of a phishing email, please see our website on Health Related Hoaxes and Rumors at http://www.cdc.gov/hoaxes_rumors.html

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.

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##This Message was distributed to **State and Local Health Officers, Public Information Officers, Epidemiologists and HAN Coordinators as well as Clinician organizations##**

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