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## SOCIAL MEDIA VACCINATION POSTS

Many people are celebrating when they receive the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine by posting photos of their vaccination card on social media. This is dangerous and could invite identity theft!

Your vaccination card includes personal information such as your full name, date of birth and where and when you received the vaccine. Scam predators are always looking for a way to get key pieces of personal information so they can use it to open accounts in your name and other criminal activities. If you want to share the news of your vaccination, try a photo of your bandaid or vaccine sticker!

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Better Business Bureau (BBB) recommend the following to protect yourself from this type of scam:

- ▶ **Never** share clues to your Personal Identification Number (PIN) or passwords
- ▶ **Always** check your privacy settings on your social media apps
- ▶ **Update** security software on your devices when necessary
- ▶ **Remember** that anything posted on social media is there forever
- ▶ **Think** before you accept a friend request so you know who views your posts

**Note:** You may report scam predators to the FTC, BBB, Adult Protective Services (APS), Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Complaint Center.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact  
**San Bernardino County APS at 1 (877) 565-2020**  
or your local police department.