



Scam alert: Omicron variant PCR test phishing emails

Scammers have wasted no time and are already sending out Phishing emails about the new Omicron variant of COVID in an attempt to steal personal data and bank account details.

Scammers have used similar tactics throughout the global pandemic including when the COVID vaccine first became available and also when COVID test kits were being provided.

This new fake email attempts to lure the recipient into clicking on a link to a fake site and apply for a free Omicron testing kit from the NHS. Once the recipient opens the link to the email it asks for the recipient to upload their personal data including name, date of birth, address and email address and in some cases asks for a small fee to be paid.

These details are what are required by the scammers to commit identity theft and fraud by using your personal details. But instead of the scammer perhaps using these personal details, the scammer will most likely sell these on the dark web to numerous other cyber criminals to use as they want to.

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk

For up to date COVID information search the NHS Scotland NHS Inform website. [NHS inform - Scottish health information you can trust | NHS inform](#)

Phishing, what is it. Phishing is when criminals send scam e-mails, text messages or phone calls to trick their victims into doing something they otherwise would not do. The criminals aim is to make the victim click on a link within a fake email, visit a website and click on an attachment, which may download a virus onto their computer, or trick the victim into divulging their bank details or other personal information. The link below will explain in more detail how to report Phishing attempts and how to protect yourself from these scammers.

[Phishing: Spot and report scam emails, texts, websites and... - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

If you have been a victim of crime, and it is not an ongoing emergency, you can report this to Police Scotland on 101.



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