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SCAM ALERT, PHONE CALLS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

SHASTA COUNTY – The Health and Human Services Agency is asking Shasta County residents to be aware of recent scams and fraudulent activities by individuals trying to take advantage of the public’s trust in public health.

Members of the public have alerted the agency of scam phone calls and Facebook posts. The phone scammers say they are calling from Shasta County Public Health and request information on vaccination status. The Facebook scammer claimed to be an agent of Shasta County Public Health and requested money so that it can receive a large grant.

This is a reminder to all Shasta County residents that while Public Health does contact people who have been exposed to certain infectious diseases and may request health information related to them, it will never solicit money from the public or ask for personal identifying information, such as social security number or bank account information.

For tips on how to avoid a scam, visit the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice at www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam. To report a scam, visit their Report Fraud site at www.reportfraud.ftc.gov.

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