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Gov. Beshear, Attorney General Cameron Warn Kentuckians About Coronavirus Scams

Report Scams to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-432-9257

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 13, 2020) – Gov. Andy Beshear and Attorney General Daniel Cameron issued a scam alert today warning Kentuckians of potential consumer scams related to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

To profit from consumer health concerns, online scammers may set up fake websites, send emails or texts or post on social media to sell fake products that claim to cure or prevent COVID-19.

Scammers may ask consumers to contact them or provide personal information to receive updates about COVID-19 posing as public health organizations, like the Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF or the World Health Organization.

“Kentuckians should be suspicious of scammers and con artists claiming to have a cure for the newest strain of the virus,” **said Gov. Beshear**. “Only legitimate medical authorities are working with the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration to create a vaccine for COVID-19. If, and when, a vaccine is approved, Kentuckians should ask their family doctor or government health officials for information on how to obtain a vaccine.”

“We urge every Kentuckian to check the source of any information or claims related to COVID-19,” **said Attorney General Cameron**. “Be wary of any communication that asks

for personal information or donations and report scams to the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General by calling the Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-432-9257.”

To avoid identity thieves, con artists and self-proclaimed experts, Kentuckians should:

- Watch out for products that claim to cure coronavirus or guarantee coronavirus prevention.
- Be wary of emails from con artists pretending to be the [Centers for Disease Control](#) or other public health organizations. A legitimate medical provider would never ask for sensitive information through email.
- Research organizations that are claiming to raise money for a coronavirus vaccine or to help victims.
- Consult the [Kentucky Department for Public Health](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) for reliable information and updates about the coronavirus. A COVID-19 hotline has also been established for health-related concerns and questions at 1-800-722-5725.

To learn more about potential coronavirus scams, visit the [Federal Trade Commission](#) or the [Better Business Bureau](#).

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