They also may be asking you to donate to victims, offering advice on unproven treatments, or sending malicious email attachments.

Scammers follow the headlines

They’re setting up websites to sell bogus products and using fake emails, texts, and social media posts as a ruse to take your money and get your personal information.

AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

• Don’t click on links from sources you don’t know. They could download viruses onto your computer or device.

• Watch for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying they have information about the virus.
  ○ For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

• Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. Don’t let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don’t do it.

CORONAVIRUS CURE? NOT SO FAST

Beware of online offers for vaccinations. There currently are no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) — online or in stores.

STAY INFORMED

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• Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
• World Health Organization (WHO)

If you’re tempted to buy an unproven product or one with questionable claims, check with your doctor or other health care professional first.

We want to hear from you about any scams, fraud, price gouging, or other attempts to take advantage of Coloradans during this public health emergency.
Contact us here: 800-222-4444 or www.StopFraudColorado.gov