

First came news of a vaccine. Now come the scams.

AG Weiser on Distinguishing Legitimate COVID-19 Vaccines from Fraud

As COVID-19 vaccine distribution begins, Attorney General Phil Weiser warns of COVID-19 vaccine scams.

If you get a call, text, email — or even someone knocking on your door — claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine, STOP. That's likely a scam. Don't pay for a promise of vaccine access or share personal information. Instead, report it to Stop Fraud Colorado at 800-222-4444 or <u>StopFraudColorado.gov</u>.

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Colorado attorney general urges residents not to fall for COVID-19 vaccine hucksters Scams could come via phone solicitations, texts, or emails

Attorney General Phil Weiser said his office is on the lookout for fraudulent or deceptive sales of fake COVID-19 vaccinations and cures, as the first two vaccines approved by the federal government to combat the novel coronavirus are rolled out.

<u>Denver Post</u>

News from Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser plays lead role in multistate lawsuit seeking to end Facebook's illegal monopoly

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser and a bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general <u>filed a major antitrust lawsuit</u> against Facebook Inc. This action challenges a range of Facebook's conduct over the last decade as illegal under the antitrust laws, explaining that it served to stifle competition and protect its monopoly power.

In particular, the lawsuit alleges that the social networking giant illegally acquired rapidly growing firms to avoid competition and engaged in anticompetitive conduct to undermine the effectiveness of upstart rivals.

Press release

Attorney General Phil Weiser working with Ticketmaster, entertainment venues to obtain refunds for consumers for events canceled due to the pandemic

Attorney General Phil Weiser today announced he has been coordinating with ticket sellers to ensure Colorado consumers receive refunds for events that were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Attorney General's Office has been working with Ticketmaster/LiveNation, as well as one event organizer—Kroenke Sports & Entertainment ("KSE")—who have both made clear that their respective policies are to make refunds available for canceled events, and, wherever possible, for rescheduled events.

Press release

Attorney General Phil Weiser joins lawsuit to stop predatory lenders from taking advantage of Colorado's most vulnerable communities

Attorney General Phil Weiser joined a coalition of eight attorneys general in <u>filing a lawsuit</u> to overturn a new federal rule that would take advantage of Colorado's most vulnerable consumers. This lawsuit is his latest effort to protect Colorado consumers from predatory lending.

Press release

Attorney General Phil Weiser hosts a virtual data privacy event today, Jan 28.

National Data Privacy Day 2021: Examining the States' Landmark Facebook and Google Antitrust Cases

A discussion with consumer advocates, competition experts, <u>Colorado Attorney General Phil</u> <u>Weiser</u>, and <u>Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson</u>, on the states' bipartisan antitrust litigation against Big Tech monopolists and how competitive markets benefit consumers.

Hear from <u>Diana Moss</u> of the American Antitrust Institute and CO-PIRG's <u>Danny Katz</u> about how strong competition and antitrust enforcement will protect consumers, our markets, and the U.S.economy.

Register via Zoom

BBB Scam Alert: New round of government stimulus checks triggers more cons

The new pandemic relief bill includes stimulus checks (or direct deposit) for most Americans, and scammers are already taking advantage of the news. They might try to get you to pay a fee to get your stimulus payment or try to convince you to give them your Social Security number or bank account. Don't take the bait.



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Stay Informed

For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the websites of the:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

- Colorado Department or r ubile ricaltir and Environment
- <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</u>
- World Health Organization (WHO)

COVID-19 Consumer Advice from Attorney General Phil Weiser

The Office of Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser created a webpage, also available in Spanish, offering guidance and alerting consumers about how they can protect themselves against COVID-19-related scams.

Take time to report fraud or suspicious activity

By learning how to avoid scams related to the Coronavirus, we can work together to ensure no one in our state is taken in by these malicious attempts to defraud Colorado consumers during this public health emergency.

If you notice any scams, fraud, price gouging, or other attempts to take advantage of Coloradans during this public health emergency, contact Stop Fraud Colorado at 800-222-4444 or www.StopFraudColorado.gov.

Tell us your story

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