

The Federal Trade Commission and Ethnic Media Services Invite You To:

SPOTTING AND PREVENTING PANDEMIC SCAMS AND OTHER FRAUD IN CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST

WHEN :

Wed, May 26, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm CST
(9:00 - 10:30 am PST, 12:00 - 1:30 pm EST)

HOW :

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WHO:

- **Opening Remarks by Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul**
- **Todd Kossow**, Director, Midwest Region, FTC
- **Idara Essien**, Assistant Attorney General | **Agnes Ptasznik**, Supervising Attorney, IL AG's Consumer Fraud Bureau
- **Christen Lee**, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Chicago
- Discussants from frontline agencies and community organizations*

WHY:

Scammers thrive on catastrophes and hardships. Across Chicago and the Midwest, scammers prey on people struggling to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout. In this briefing with ethnic and community media, the FTC joins with local legal experts, law enforcement professionals and community service providers to explore the landscape of consumer fraud as it is impacting diverse communities. Information is an effective antidote to scams that promote fake cures, bogus test sites, get-rich-quick schemes, business and government impostors, romance scams, and more.

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