COVID-19 Task Forces

FEDERAL AND MULTI-STATE

DOJ COVID-19 Hoarding and Price Gouging Task Force

Memorandum for all Heads of Department Components and Law Enforcement Agencies (3/24/20)

- Task Force led by Craig Carpenito, U.S. Attorney in the District of New Jersey (assisted as needed by the Antitrust Division’s Criminal Program).
- Each U.S. Attorney’s Office is directed to designate an experienced attorney to serve as a member of the task force.

DOJ Coronavirus Response website: https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus
DOJ Response: https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus/DOJresponse

ALABAMA

Announcement (4/2/20): Three Alabama U.S. Attorneys and the Alabama Attorney General Partner to Protect Alabamians

Partners include:
- U.S. Attorney Louis V. Franklin, Sr. for the Middle District of Alabama
- U.S. Attorney Jay E. Town for the Northern District of Alabama
- U.S. Attorney Richard W. Moore for the Southern District of Alabama
- Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall

Consumer reporting: Consumer Interest Division of the Alabama Attorney General’s Office, online form available at https://www.alabamaag.gov/consumercomplaint, or by calling 1-800-392-5658

- Announcement states that AUSA Thomas Govan has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Middles District of Alabama.

- Announcement states that AUSA Robert O. Posey has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Alabama.

Southern District of Alabama Announcement: no announcement made about a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

ALASKA

Alaska Health Care Fraud Task Force


Partners include:
- Office of Alaska USA Bryan Schroder
- FBI

Consumer reporting: Complaints, tips, and information related to health care fraud may be reported online at tips.fbi.gov or by calling the FBI Anchorage Field Office at 907-276-4441. Learn more at www.fbi.gov/AHCFTF. Contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or via email at disaster@leo.gov; If it’s a cyber scam, submit your complaint through https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx.

ARIZONA

Arizona COVID-19 Fraud Task Force

Partners include:
- AUSA Jim Knapp appointed as the U.S. Attorney’s Office COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator, Task Force Co-Lead (Office of USA Michael Bailey)
- Joseph Sciarrotta, Civil Division Chief for the AG’s Office, Task Force Co-Lead (Office of AZ AG Mark Brnovich)
- Maricopa County Attorney’s Office
- FBI
- FDA
- IRS Investigation Division
- HHS
- US Postal Inspection Service
- Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
- US Secret Service
- US Army Criminal Investigation Division
- Defense Criminal Investigative Services

News Coverage: COVID-19 Fraud Task Force launched in Arizona (4/9/20)

ARKANSAS

Eastern District of Arkansas
No announcement

Western District of Arkansas Announcement: Acting U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud (3/23/20)
- Announcement states that a Coronavirus Coordinator is to be appointed but does not name the individual.

CALIFORNIA

California – Los Angeles Coronavirus Task Force

Partners include:
- Office of Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer
- Office of District Attorney Jackie Lace

Consumer reporting: Victims of price gouging or a coronavirus scan can file a complaint with the Office of the City Attorney – either online (https://www.lacityattorney.org/covid19) or by calling 213-978-8070.

EVENT: AARP California Town Hall on Coronavirus Scams (4/20/20)
Participants:
Recording: https://vekeo.com/event/aarpcalifornia-53983/
- FBI Special Agent Nora Collas
- AUSA Joseph Johns (Central District of CA) – identified as COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator
- AUSA Amy Schuller Hitchcock (Eastern District of CA)

(as of 05/22/20)
• AUSA Robert David Reeves (Northern District of CA)
• AUSA Robert Huey (Southern District of CA) – **identified as COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator**

• AUSA Joseph O. Johns appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator

• Announcement states U.S. Attorney McGregor W. Scott has appointed a COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator but does not name the person.

• Announcement states U.S. Attorney David L. Anderson has appointed an AUSA as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator who can be reached at 415-436-7200, but does not name the person.

Southern District of California Announcement: no announcement but AUSA Robert Huey identified as the District’s COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator on the April 20, 2020 AARP Town Hall noted above.

**COLORADO**

District of Colorado Announcement: **U.S. Attorney Dunn To Lead Federal Effort To Protect Citizens Against Coronavirus Fraud; Urges Public To Report Suspicious Activity** (3/21/20)
• Announcement states Executive U.S. Attorney J. Chris Larson appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator

**CONNECTICUT**

Partners include:
• U.S. Attorney John H. Durham
• Connecticut Attorney General William Tong
• Chief State’s Attorney Richard Colangelo
• FBI Special Agent in Charge David Sundberg

• Announcement states that the District of Connecticut Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator is Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher W. Schmeisser

**DELAWARE**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Anti-Fraud Coalition Announcement: **Top Federal and State Prosecutors Form Delaware COVID-19 Anti-Fraud Coalition** (4/24/20)
Partners include:
• Delaware Department of Justice
• United States Attorney’s Office
• Federal Bureau of Investigation
• U.S. Small Business Administration-Office of Inspector General
• U.S. Department of Labor-Office of Inspector General
Delaware Department of Health & Social Services
Delaware Office of Management & Budget
Delaware Department of Transportation
Delaware Department of Education
Delaware Department of Insurance
Delaware Department of Finance
Delaware Department of Labor
Delaware Auditor of Accounts
Delaware State Police
New Castle County

Reporting email: COVID.DOJ@delaware.gov
Delawareans who may have been scammed can also reach out to the Delaware Attorney General’s consumer protection hotline at (800) 220-5424.

- Announcement states that AUSA Lesley Wolf appointed Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington (DC) Metropolitan Area COVID-19 Anti-Fraud Task Force
Partners include:
- USA Timothy J. Shea
- DC, Office of AG Karl A. Racine
- DC, Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking
- DC, Enforcement & Consumer Protection Division
- DC OIG
- FBI, Washington Field Office
- IRS, Criminal Investigation, Washington Field Office
- Metropolitan Police Department, District of Columbia
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration OIG
- Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation OIG
- US Agency for International Development OIG
- US Army Criminal Investigation Division, Washington-Metro Fraud Resident Agency
- US General Services Administration OIG, Office of Investigations, Mid-Atlantic Division
- US Department of Homeland Security OIG, Major Frauds & Corruption Unit
- US Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Washington Regional Office
- US Department of Transportation OIG
- US Department of Treasury, Inspector General for Tax Administration
- US Department of Treasury OIG
- US DEA, Washington Division Office
- US Postal Inspection Service
- USPS OIG
- US Securities and Exchange Commission OIG
- US Small Business Administration OIG
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority OIG
FLORIDA

Middle District of Florida COVID-19 Fraud Task Force
Announcement: U.S. Attorney Announces Multi-Agency Group To Investigate And Prosecute COVID-19 Fraud (3/30/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Matthew Perry has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Middle District of Florida.

Task Force Partners include:
- Office of USA Maria Chapa Lopez
- State and local Law Enforcement Agencies

- Announcement states that AUSA Justin M. Keen has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Florida.

Southern District of Florida COVID-19 Task Force
Announcement: U.S. Attorney Ariana Fajardo Orshan Launches Task Force to Investigate and Prosecute COVID-19 Fraud
- Announcement states that AUSA Jon Juenger has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Southern District of Florida.
- Contact information for Jon Juenger: (305) 961-9450 or jon.juenger@usdoj.gov

GEORGIA

Georgia COVID-19 Fraud Task Force
Announcement: Top Federal, State Prosecutors Form Georgia COVID-19 Fraud Task Force (4/7/20)
Announcement: District Attorneys, Solicitors strengthen fight against COVID-19 related fraud (5/4/20)
- The offices of USAs of the
  - Middle District of GA (Charlie Peeler)
  - Northern District of GA (Byung J. “BJay” Pak)
  - Southern District of GA (Bobby L Christine)
- Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr
- Office of the Governor of GA (Brian P. Kemp)
- Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia (PAC) (joined on 5/4/20)

Middle District of Georgia Announcement: U.S. Attorney Appoints Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator For Region (3/27/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Jim Crane has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Middle District of Georgia.

Northern District of Georgia Announcement: U.S. Attorney urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud (3/24/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Russell Phillips has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Georgia.

- Announcement states that AUSA Patrick Schwedler has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Southern District of Georgia.
HAWAII

• Announcement states that AUSA Gregg Yates has been appointed the District of Hawaii’s Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

IDAHO

• Announcement states that AUSA Josh Hurwit has been appointed the District of Idaho’s Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

ILLINOIS

• Office of the USA of the
  o Central District of Illinois (John C. Milhiser)
  o Northern District of Illinois (John R. Lausch, Jr.)
  o Southern District of Illinois (Steven D. Weinhoeft)
• Offices of IL AG Kwame Raoul
• Illinois State Police
• Federal Agencies
• Local Law Enforcement

• Announcement states that AUSA Ryan Finlen has been appointed to serve as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Central District of Illinois.

• Announcement states that AUSA Tyler Murray, Chief of the office’s Financial Crimes Section has been appointed to serve as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Illinois.

• Announcement states that AUSA Scott A. Verseman, chief of the Fraud and Corruption Division, has been appointed to serve as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Southern District of Illinois.

INDIANA

• Announcement states that AUSA Gary Bell has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Indiana.

Southern District of Indiana Announcement: Statement from U.S. Attorney Josh J. Minkler
• Announcement states that AUSA Kyle Sawa has been appointed to serve as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Southern District of Indiana.
IOWA

- Announcement states that AUSA Timothy Vavricek has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Iowa.

- Announcement states that a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator has been appointed but does not name the individual.

KANSAS

Kansas COVID-19 Fraud Task Force
Partners include:
- Defense Criminal Investigative Service
- Department of Labor – Office of Inspector General
- Department of Education – Office of Inspector General
- Environmental Protection Agency
- FBI
- Food and Drug Administration - Office of Criminal Investigation
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation - Office of Inspector General
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- General Services Administration - Office of Inspector General
- Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General
- Housing and Urban Development - Office of Inspector General
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations
- Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation
- Johnson County District Attorney’s Office
- Kansas Attorney General’s Office
- Postal Inspection Service
- Small Business Administration - Office of Inspector General
- U.S. Secret Service
- Sedgwick County District Attorney’s Office
- Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
- Treasury – Office of Inspector General
- U.S. Army - Criminal Investigation Division
- Veteran’s Affairs - Office of Inspector General

Partnership between U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister and Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt
- Announcement: US Attorney and Kansas AG partner To combat COVID-19 fraud (4/1/20)
- Complaint email: USAKS.Covid.Fraud@usdoj.gov

- Announcement states that AUSA Scott Rask has been appointed Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Coronavirus Fraud Task Force
Announcement: Federal and State Officials Launch Kentucky Coronavirus Fraud Task Force (3/25/20)

Partners include:
- Offices of USA of the
  - Eastern District of KY (Robert M. Duncan, Jr.)
  - Western District of KY (Russell M. Coleman)
- Office of KY AG (Daniel Cameron)
- FBI, Louisville Field Division

Announcement: **Kentucky U.S. Attorneys Robert Duncan and Russell Coleman join Kentucky Attorney General Cameron in Launching PSA Warning about Fraudulent COVID-19 Testing Sites** (4/17/20)
- **Joint Public Service Announcement**

**Eastern District of Kentucky Announcement:** **U.S. Attorney Duncan Designates Federal Prosecutor to Lead Fight Against COVID-19 Fraud in Eastern District of Kentucky** (3/20/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Paul McCaffrey, Chief of the Office’s Fraud Division, has been appointed as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

**Western District of Kentucky Announcement:** **U.S. Attorney Russell Coleman Announces Federal Covid-19 Coordinator To Fight Fraud** (3/20/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA David Weiser has been appointed the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Kentucky.

**LOUISIANA**

**Western District of Louisiana COVID-19 Fraud Task Force**

Partners include:
- Office of USA David C. Joseph
- FBI
- US Homeland Security OIG
- US FDA – Criminal Investigations
- US Homeland Security Investigations/Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- US Veteran’s Administration OIG
- US Secret Service
- US Postal Inspection Service
- US HHS OIG
- US Customs and Border Protection
- FTC
- Small Business Administration OIG

**Eastern District of Louisiana Announcement:** **U.S. Attorney urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud** (3/23/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Edward Rivera has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

**Middle District of Louisiana Announcement:** **U.S. Attorney Brandon J. Fremin Urges the Public to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud** (3/23/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Paul Pugliese has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Middle District of Louisiana.
- Announcement states that AUSA Seth D. Reeg has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Louisiana.

MAINE

District of Maine Announcement: U.S. Attorney Frank Appoints Experienced Prosecutor as COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator (3/18/20)
- Statement states AUSA Daniel J. Perry, a senior prosecutor in the Portland office, will serve as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator.

MARYLAND

District of Maryland Announcement: Maryland U.S. Attorney Encourages Marylanders to be Alert to Scammers Exploiting the Coronavirus Health Emergency (3/19/20)
- Announcement does not address the appointment of a state Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

MASSACHUSETTS

District of Massachusetts Announcement: U.S. Attorney Urges Health Care Sector to Report Fraud Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic (4/16/20)
- Announcement states Amanda Strachan, Chief of the Health Care Fraud Unit, has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the District of Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN

- Announcement states that AUSA John Neal appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

Western District of Michigan Announcement: U.S. Attorney Andrew Birge Urges The Public To Continue Reporting Suspected COVID-19 Fraud (3/31/20)
- The announcement does not address the appointment of a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

MINNESOTA

Minnesota COVID-19 Action Team (MCAT)
Announcement from USA: U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald And Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison Announce Joint Minnesota COVID-19 Action Team (4/6/20)
Announcement from Minnesota AG: Attorney General Ellison and U.S. Attorney MacDonald announce coordinated fight against unlawful activity related to COVID-19 (4/6/20)
Partners include:
- U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota
- Minnesota Attorney General's Office
- Minnesota County Attorneys Association
- COVID-19 Complaint Form: https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Forms/COVID19Complaint.asp

District of Minnesota Announcement: U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald Urges The Public To Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud (3/20/20)
- Announcement states that the District Attorney has designated the Chief the Economic Crimes section to serve as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the District of Minnesota, but does not name the person.
MISSISSIPPI

- Announcement states that AUSA Clay Dabbs has been appointed to serve as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for Northern District of Mississippi.

- Announcement states that AUSA Lynn Murray has been appointed to serve as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the Southern District of Mississippi.

MISSOURI

- Announcement states that a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator has been appointed, but does not name the individual.

- Announcement states that AUSA Kate Mahoney has been appointed as the designated Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Missouri. Mahoney also serves as chief of the Fraud and Corruption Unit.

MONTANA

- Announcement states that is AUSA Michael Kakuk has been appointed the District of Montana’s Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator

NEBRASKA

No press release announcement is archived on the District of Nebraska’s website. However, news coverage indicates the following: **Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator Named in Nebraska**
- News article states that AUSA Sean Lynch has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the District of Nebraska

NEVADA

Nevada COVID-19 Task Force
Partners include:
- The offices of:
  - Nevada AG Aaron Ford
  - USA Nicholas Trutanich
- FBI
- US Secret Service
- IRS
- DEA
- US Postal Inspection Service
• US Treasury IG for Tax Administration
• Washoe County Sheriff’s Office
• Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.
• NV SOS Office
• IGs of:
  o HHS OIG
  o Veteran Affairs OIG
  o Dept. of Education OIG
  o Small Business Administration Office OIG


- The announcement indicates that a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator has been appointed but does not identify the individual.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Announcement states that AUSA Matthew Hunter has been appointed the District of New Hampshire’s Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.
- AUSA Hunter can be reached through the main number at the U.S. Attorney’s Office – (603) 225-1552.

NEW JERSEY


Partners include:
- The offices of
  o USA Craig Carpentino
  o NJ AG Gurbir S. Grewal
- NJ Acting State Comptroller Kevin D. Walsh
- The following federal agencies
  o FBI
  o HHS-OIG
  o OIG
  o US Secret Service
  o US Postal Inspection Service
  o Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations
  o Social Security Administration OIG
  o Department of Education OIG
- Report COVID-19 Related Fraud to Disaster Hotline: 866-720-5721

- Announcement states AUSA Daniel Shapiro, Chief of the Economic Crimes Unit in Newark, has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the District of New Jersey.

NEW MEXICO
District of New Mexico Announcement: **U.S. Attorney John C. Anderson urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud**
- Announcement states that AUSA Nicholas J. Ganjei has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

**NEW YORK**

- Announcement indicates that a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator be appointed but does not name the individual.

Northern District of New York Announcement: **COVID-19 Fraud To Be Prosecuted** (3/20/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Joshua Rosenthal has been appointed the Northern District of New York’s Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

Southern District of New York: No announcements

Western District of New York Announcement: **U.S Attorney Kennedy Urges The Public To Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud**
- Announcement states that AUSA David Rudroff has been appointed to serve as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of New York.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

- Announcement states that AUSA Ethan Ontjes has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Middle District of North Carolina Announcement: **U.S. Attorney Matt Martin Urges the Public to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud** (3/20/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Frank Chut has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Middle District of North Carolina.

- Announcement states that AUSA Jenny Sugar, Deputy Chief overseeing the district’s White Collar Fraud Unit, has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of North Carolina.

**NORTH DAKOTA**

District of North Dakota: **U.S. Attorney urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 Fraud** (3/20/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Matthew Greenley has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

**OHIO**

Ohio Partnership Announcement: **U.S. Attorney DeVillers sends letter to hospital executives promoting partnership in thwarting hoarding, price-gouging of essential medical items**
- Office of USA David M. DeVillers
- Announcement states that AUSA Alex Abreu has been appointed as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Ohio.

- Announcement states that AUSA Peter Glenn-Applegate has been appointed the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Southern District of Ohio.

OKLAHOMA

Eastern District of Oklahoma Announcement: EASTERN DISTRICT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE REMAINS OPERATIONAL AND PREPARES RESPONSE TO EMERGING TREND OF COVID-19 FRAUD (3/30/20)
- Announcement states that a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator has been appointed but does not name the individual.

- Announcement states that a Coronavirus Fraud Team has been appointed by U.S. Attorney Trent Shores to include:
  - AUSA Victor Régal, of the Criminal Division
  - AUSA Marianne Hardcastle, of the Civil Division
  - AUSA Kristin Harrington, of the Civil Division

Western District of Oklahoma Announcement: U.S. Attorney Downing Appoints Experienced Prosecutor as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator (3/19/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Brandon Hale, a Deputy Criminal Chief, will serve as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Oklahoma.

OREGON

COVID-19 Fraud State-Federal Partnership Announcement: U.S. Attorney and Oregon Attorney General Partner to Protect Oregonians from COVID-19 Fraud (5/5/20)

- Announcements both indicate that a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator has been appointed but do not name the individual.

PENNSYLVANIA

Announcement: AG Shapiro and U.S. Attorney Brady Joint Op-Ed on Protecting Consumers with New COVID19 Fraud Task Force Partners include:
• COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator, AUSA Shaun Sweeney for the Western District of Pennsylvania (Co-Lead)
• Executive Deputy Attorney General, PA Attorney General’s Office (Co-Lead)
• Office of USA Scott W. Brady
• PA AG Josh Shapiro
• FBI Pittsburgh
• US Secret Service, Pittsburgh Field Office
• The U.S. Postal Inspection Service
• Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations
• Social Security Administration – Office of Inspector General
• The U.S. Department of Education – Office of Inspector General
• Pennsylvania State Police
• West View Borough PD

Eastern District of Pennsylvania Announcement: United States Attorney William M. McSwain Seeks Partnerships with Health Care Institutions to Stop Coronavirus-Related Fraud (4/16/20)
• Announcement does not name Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator but links to a letter that does.
• Letter states that AUSA Ronald Sarachan, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division for White Collar Crime, has been appointed Coronavirus Coordinator the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

• Announcement states that AUSA Phillip Caraballo has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Western District of Pennsylvania Announcement: U.S. Attorney Brady Appoints Experienced Prosecutor to Fight COVID-19 Fraud (3/17/20)
• Announcement state that AUSA Shaun Sweeney has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

RHODE ISLAND

District of Rhode Island Announcement: Public urged to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud (3/20/20)
• Announcement states that AUSA Lee H. Vilker has been appointed Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina COVID-19 Strike Team Announcement: U.S. Attorney Announces South Carolina COVID Strike Team to Combat Coronavirus Fraud
Partners include:
• U.S. Attorney Peter McCoy’s Office
• South Carolina Attorney General’s Office
• South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)
• Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
• FBI
• Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
• Defense Criminal Investigation Service (DCIS)
• Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VA-OIG)
• Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
• Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
• Federal and Local Law Enforcement

District of South Carolina Announcement: [U.S. Attorney Urges the Public to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud](3/26/20)
• Announcement states that AUSA Derek A. Shoemake has been appointed as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the District of South Carolina.
• Contact AUSA Shoemake at (843) 813-0982

SOUTH DAKOTA

District of South Dakota Announcement: [U.S. Attorney Urges Public to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud or Price Gouging](3/30/20)
• Announcement states that AUSA Ann M. Hoffman has been appointed the District of South Dakota’s Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

TENNESSEE

Eastern District of Tennessee Announcement: [U.S. Attorney urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud](3/20/20)
• Announcement states AUSA William Roach appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Middle District of Tennessee Announcement: [U.S. Attorney and FBI Urge The Public To Report Suspected Fraud Related To Tornado Destruction And COVID-19](3/23/20)
• Announcement states AUSA Stephanie Toussaint is the Coronavirus and Disaster Fraud Coordinator for middle Tennessee.

Western District of Tennessee Announcement: [U.S. Attorney urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud](3/20/20)
• Announcement states AUSA Tony Arvin has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

TEXAS

Eastern District of Texas Announcement: [Justice Department Protects Eastern District of Texas From COVID-19 Fraudsters](3/26/20)
• Eastern District of Texas COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator, AUSA Frank Coan
• Telephone: 903-590-1400

Northern District of Texas Announcement: [U.S. Attorney’s Office Files Enforcement Action Against Chiropractor Promoting Fake COVID-19 Treatment](4/7/20)
• Announcement states that AUSA Fabio Leonardi is the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Northern District of Texas.
Webpage: Report COVID-19 Fraud

Southern District of Texas Announcement: [COVID-19 Fraud](3/24/20)
• Southern District of Texas COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator, Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin R. Martin
• Telephone: 713-567-9000
• Email: USATXS.Covid19@usdoj.gov
Western District of Texas Announcement: **U.S. Attorney Bash Urges the Public to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud** (3/20/20)
- Announcement states that AUSA Mike Galdo has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Texas.

**UTAH**

- Announcement states that AUSA Jacob Strain has been appointed Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator in Utah.

**VERMONT**

Vermont COVID-19 Task Force Announcement: **Governor Phil Scott Details Development of COVID-19 Task Force** (3/2/20)
Partners include:
- Vermont Emergency Management
- Vermont Department of Public Safety
- Vermont Department of Health
- Vermont Department of Human Resources
- Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services
- Agency of Education
- Agency of Human Services
- Vermont National Guard
- Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition
- E-911 Board
- Governor’s Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council Chair
- Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Announcement states AUSA and Criminal Division Chief Eugenia Cowles has been appointed COVID-19 fraud coordinator.

**VIRGINIA**

Virginia Coronavirus Task Force
Announcement: **Federal and State Officials Launch Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force** (3/20/20)
Partners include:
- AUSAs from the
  - Eastern District of VA (Katlin G. Cooke)
  - Western District of VA (Michael Baudinet)
- FBI
- Virginia State Police

Eastern District of Virginia Announcement: **Federal and State Officials Launch Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force** (3/20/20)
- Announcement States AUSA Kaitlin G. Cooke will serve as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the Eastern District of Virginia.
Western District of Virginia Announcement: [Federal and State Officials Launch Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force](#)
  - Announcement states AUSA Michael Baudinet will serve as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Virginia.

**WASHINGTON**

  - Announcement states that a fraud coordinator has been appointed but does not name the individual.

Western District of Washington Announcement: [U.S. Attorney urges public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud](#) (3/20/20)
  - Announcement states that AUSA Brian Werner of the Complex Crimes Unit has been appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for the Western District of Washington.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

West Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force Announcement: [Federal and State Officials Launch West Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force](#) (3/31/20)
  - Partners include:
    - The offices of USAs of the
      - Southern District of West Virginia (Mike Stuart)
      - Northern District of West Virginia (Bill Powell)
    - Office of WV Attorney General Patrick Morrisey
    - FBI
    - Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
    - IRS, Criminal Investigation
    - WV State Police

Northern District of West Virginia Announcement: [U.S. Attorney's Office joins national COVID-19 Task Force](#)
  - Announcement states that AUSA Andrew R. Cogar has been appointed at Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

Southern District of West Virginia Announcement: [United States Attorney Mike Stuart Urges the Public to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud](#)
  - Announcement states that AUSA John Frail as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

**WISCONSIN**

Eastern District of Wisconsin Announcement: [U.S. Attorney urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud](#) (3/20/20)
  - Announcement states that AUSA Kelly Watzka was appointed as Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

Western District of Wisconsin Announcement: [Public Urged to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud](#)
  - Announcement states that AUSA Chadwick Elgersma has been appointed Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator.

**WYOMING**

District of Wyoming Announcement: [U.S. Attorney Urges the Public to Report Suspected COVID-19 Fraud](#) (3/20/20)
• Announcement states that AUSA Christyne Martens has been appointed to serve as the Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator for Wyoming
• Announcement states that the US Attorney’s office and the Wyoming Attorney General’s office will cooperate to address any reports of fraud or price gouging occurring in Wyoming.

Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon has created five Coronavirus Task Forces: [Announcement](3/16/20)
• Health Task Force (lead by the Governor’s office)
• State Services and Operations Task Force (lead by Secretary of State Ed Bechaman)
• Business and Financial Sector Task Force (lead by State Auditor Kristi Racines)
• Transportation and Infrastructure Task Force (lead by State Treasurer Curt Meier)
• Education Task Force (lead by Superintendent Jillian Balow)