Don't Give Your Computer a Virus

With sick season in full swing and it being a digital savvy era, the Google "doctor" is usually the first place people turn when feeling ill. There is a plethora of modern and homeopathic health suggestions online for treating any ailment.

Scammers are hoping you'll wind up with a double infection this season - your computer and yourself. Scammers are rampant online, hoping to take advantage of foggy thinking and desires for a quick-fix remedy.

When an epidemic of any kind begins to spread, such as the current Coronavirus or the flu, cyber scammers use it as an opportunity to take advantage of even more victims. When researching online, be mindful of the following:

- **Ignore Advertisements** – Be cautious before clicking on advertisements boasting cure-all treatments for your ailments, or for supplements or medicine that are a "guaranteed" cure.
- **Medical Impersonation** – Scammers are sending emails claiming to have updates from a medical authority. Carefully review the sender's address and the contents of the email before clicking on any links or attachments. Chances are, it's a virus or other malicious cyber threat.
- **Go Directly to the Source** – Directly call a phone number you already have on hand, or manually type in a website address instead of clicking on a link, advertisement, or other redirection. Scammers are becoming increasingly skilled in portraying a legitimate source.
- **Avoid the Unknown** – This goes for both drugs and supplements as well as organizations or individuals claiming to be a doctor or other medical expert. Look for updates and remedies from well vetted sources to help avoid falling victim to a malicious cyber scam.
- **Slow Down** - Everyone wants to feel better as quickly as possible, but slow down. Scammers are more successful when people are in a rush because the potential victims are less likely to notice red flags.

Help keep yourself and your technology healthy by using safe practices while online.

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