

A disgraced televangelist promoted an alleged cure to coronavirus. Missouri is now suing him. | The Washington Post

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After televangelist Jim Bakker suggested on his show that colloidal silver could cure the novel [coronavirus](#), the Missouri Attorney General's Office announced Tuesday that it is suing him as part of a larger effort among law enforcement to crack down on fake treatments for the viral illness.

Bakker, a disgraced TV preacher in Branson, Mo., has long peddled "Silver Solution" as a cure or treatment for a number of aches and ailments, which medical professionals and the federal government have roundly rejected. Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt is asking a judge for a temporary restraining order to stop him from hawking the bogus cure as a way to treat coronavirus. The virus has so far infected more than 1,000 people and killed 31 in the United States as the federal government scrambles to control its spread.

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