CYBERSECURITY

COVID-19 Vaccine Test Lab Hit by Maze Ransomware

Despite the fact that the hackers behind Maze ransomware previously promised not to hit medical organizations during the coronavirus pandemic, the ransomware recently attacked a British medical lab that is slated to test COVID-19 vaccines. The Maze hackers previously said they would “stop all activity versus all kinds of medical organizations until the stabilization of the situation with the virus.” Apparently not so. Read more

DATA PRIVACY

Businesses and Trade Groups Seek Delay in CCPA Enforcement Actions

Recently, businesses and advertising trade groups wrote a letter to California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to request delayed enforcement of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The letter cited the current health crisis resulting from COVID-19 and the state of national emergency as the first reason to delay enforcement. The groups seek a reprieve from enforcement actions given the pressures and stress placed on organizations due to COVID-19. The delay would allow businesses to prioritize the needs and health of their workforce rather than focus on using those resources to “avoid costly and resource intensive enforcement actions.” The letter also cites the rapid switch to a remote workforce due to the crisis, thus making it more difficult to develop and test necessary systems and processes to comply with CCPA. Read more

HIPAA

COVID-19: HHS Issues FAQs on HIPAA and Telehealth to Help Providers Maintain Access to Care During the Pandemic

On March 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued additional guidance in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on HIPAA and telehealth services to help providers furnish care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FAQs follow and provide further information on the Notification of Enforcement Discretion issued by HHS on March 17 (Notification), in which HHS indicated that it would not penalize providers for using in good faith popular video chat applications such as FaceTime and Skype to provide telehealth services amid the COVID-19 pandemic. HHS has emphasized, however, that the Notification does not allow the use of...
public-facing communications products, such as Facebook Live or other live-streaming applications. Read more

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**DRONES**

**AUVSI Comments on FAA’s Proposed Remote Identification UAS Rule**

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) released its comments on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) proposed Remote Identification Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Rule, emphasizing the importance of remote ID for expanded UAS operations, and also encouraging the FAA to explore ways to incentivize early, voluntary compliance with remote ID prior to the implementation of the final rule. This could help to determine any issues with the rule and allow the FAA to revise the rule prior to implementation. Read more

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**PRIVACY TIP #232**

**Spam Phone Calls Rampant for Remote Workers**

For those of us who work outside of the home during normal times, we know when we are home on the weekends not to answer our home telephone unless we recognize the number or caller. Now that we are working at home, people are more susceptible to answering the phone even when they don’t recognize the number. Telephone scams are on the rise during this pandemic. Read more

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