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FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level:

Severe

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “**CRITICAL**.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, “**CRITICAL**” means that an event is underway or expected imminently.

FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level:

Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as “**ELEVATED**.” As per FB-ISAO’s definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, “**ELEVATED**” means FB-ISAO is not aware of any specific or targeted cyber threats, but there is a concern that the general risk of cyber threat activity is higher than normal.

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

Pandemic Reopening Reentry Checklist

The Pandemic Reopening Reentry Checklist was released to FB-ISAO members on 15 May as TLP: GREEN product. Please refer to [this post](#). Since its release the checklist has been downloaded about 400 times. We are gratified that the checklist is being used for its intended purpose - to assist Faith-Based Organizations with reopening as safely as possible.

FBOs do not fit a mold - they come in all faiths, sizes and have differing traditions. Each individual FBO will need to marry the checklist to their state and local regulations as well as take into account their size and their traditions. Not an easy task! FB-ISAO members are reminded to join [Information Sharing Communities](#) and to get to work on developing local reopening guidelines.

Jorhena Thomas, one of the two project leads, shares her thoughts on the 5 key elements that went into developing the checklist:

- **Alignment with federal guidance & emphasis on state/local communication:** To ensure that what we were putting together complemented the federal guidance and also emphasized that FBOs communicate with their state and local officials. Rather than add another set of guidance to the mix, we wanted to provide an FBO-specific resource that also respected and aligned with official guidance.
- **Identification of core categories of action:** There were many categories of action to consider, and we wanted to be strategic about which to focus on for the checklist. Having reviewed dozens of reopening resources, we extracted four core themes that we thought were the most vital: Reopening/Reentry, Safety/Security; Health/Hygiene, and Continuity/After-Action Report Preparation.
- **Pulling in a range of useful resources (federal, local, general, FBO-specific, etc.):** We wanted to take a broad approach toward the resources that went into the checklist, so we used a range of sources, to include government guidance, news reporting, industry guidance, FBO-specific publications, and many others.
- **Distilling the most useful smart and best practices:** Keeping in mind that the purpose of the checklist was to provide adaptable guidance to a range of FBOs, we were careful to lean toward *smart* practices, which are more flexible, and go lighter on *best* practices, which are more prescriptive.

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

Webinar: How to Write an "EAP"	June 25, 2020
Webinar: Business Continuity	July 30, 2020
New Member On-Boarding	On-going
Virginia Workshops	Postponed. Check back!

- **Making it easy to understand and use (color-codes, explanations, resources list, etc.):** We followed the *Checklist Manifesto* model to make the checklist as user-friendly as possible.

On 4 June, FB-ISAO, in partnership with [InfraGardNCR](#), delivered a webinar on the topic of "Pandemic Reopening Reentry Checklist". The webinar recording can be accessed [here](#).

FB-ISAO would like to thank all our partner organizations for their help in delivering a product that is contributing to the safe reopening of facilities.

Communications Group Forming - Priority Intel Requirements

One of the [outcomes](#) from our March 2020 FB-ISAO information sharing and membership survey is to look at developing Priority Intel Requirements (PIR) for the ISAO. PIR help to inform collection and, subsequently, analysis. [Here](#) is a very military-esque description of PIR. After some discussion, we feel this function fits most effectively into the [Communications Group](#). The call to get members engaged in Communications Group has gone out. If you are interested in joining the Communications Group and to participate in PIR efforts, please write an email to membership@faithbased-isao.org or better yet, reach out to Andy or Mayya with a Slack direct message.

Spotlight: New Product Month-At-A-Glance

On 28 May, FB-ISAO put out a first of its kind product titled "TLP:WHITE | Month-At-A-Glance June 2020". The Month-At-A-Glance report will be sent to members every month on or about the end of the prior month.

The report is for members' general awareness and provides a snapshot of products, events, meetings, religious commemorations, and notable hostile events for each month.

Weekly and monthly products will often mention particular dates, anniversaries and incidents related to religious commemorations and notable events for members' potential threat awareness, preparedness, and risk considerations.