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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

## National Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2020

It’s October! And while many are thinking pumpkin spice and everything nice, in the cybersecurity realm October has become synonymous with [National Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#) (NCSAM). But given cyber is part of everyday life and a cost of doing business in today’s world, NCSAM isn’t just for cybersecurity, it’s for everybody. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility among all people. In fact, NCSAM was initially launched in 2004 to “ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online.” That includes individuals and organizations of all types and sizes - from enterprises, SMB’s, and “mom and pop” shops, to government entities, schools, non-profits, charities, and faith-based organizations like yours.

While the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) kicks off this year’s [“Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart”](#) theme, Faith-Based ISAO is proud to be among fellow ISAC/ISAO [NCSAM 2020 Champions](#) - [Auto-ISAC](#), [IT-ISAC](#), [REN-ISAC](#), [RH-ISAC](#), [WaterISAC](#), [National Credit Union ISAO](#), and [CompTIA ISAO](#). For more resources on NCSAM, including how to get involved and materials to use to increase cybersecurity awareness at your organization, visit [NCSA](#) and [CISA](#). See below for weekly themes and related activities.



**Week of October 5 (Week 1): If You Connect It, Protect It:** If you connect it, protect it. The line between our online and offline lives is indistinguishable. This network of connections creates both opportunities and challenges for individuals and organizations across the globe. The first week of Cybersecurity Awareness Month will highlight the ways in which internet-connected devices have impacted our lives and will empower all users to own their role in security by taking steps to reduce their risks.

**Week of October 12 (Week 2): Securing Devices at Home and Work:** 2020 saw a major disruption in the way many work, learn, and socialize online. Our homes are more connected than ever. Our businesses are more connected than ever. With more people now working from home, these two internet-connected environments are colliding on a scale we’ve never seen before, introducing a whole new set of potential vulnerabilities that users must be conscious of. Week 2 of Cybersecurity Awareness Month will focus on steps users and organizations can take to protect internet connected devices for both personal and professional use. [See More...](#)

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### Not Yet a Member of FB-ISAO?

[How to join...](#)

### Not Yet on FB-ISAO Slack - You Need to Be!

[Write to membership](#)

### Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

<a href="#">October Monthly Threat Brief</a>	28 October 2020
<a href="#">Workshops</a>	Planning in Progress

## New Resource: FEMA Open Training

The [FB-ISAO Resource Pages](#) are constantly updated with new resources as they become available.

FEMA has released a new tool which is available on the [FB-ISAO Preparedness Training and Videos](#) sub-page. The resource empowers Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to prepare for incidents.

[OPEN](#) is both a self-guided online course for individuals and a downloadable instructor-led course available for groups. Through the training, FEMA aims to help CBOs take preparedness actions prior to a disruption, build a preparedness plan, safeguard critical information, and most importantly, continue to provide essential services to the whole community. OPEN offers participants the opportunity to explore several preparedness resources. Participants are offered ten tangible preparedness actions most relevant to organizations.

The self-guided online course provides a great introduction to OPEN concepts and key objectives of the course. We recommend that individuals complete the online course then deliver the instructor-led training to their CBO or complete it with their community members.

OPEN will help prepare and train CBO employees to continue to provide essential services during and after a disruption, save money after a disaster hits, and ensure the safety of workers and individuals served.

Members are encouraged to check the FB-ISAO resource pages often for new resources!

## Spotlight: Priority Intelligence Requirements

Between June - September 2020, FB-ISAO's [Communications Group](#) (CG) drafted Priority Intelligence Requirements (PIR) and Intelligence Requirements (IR) for the ISAO. Travis Farral, an FB-ISAO member who participated in the development of the PIR said:

“As part of the faith-based community, we want to be able to help other faith-based organizations stay safe and well-informed about threats to the community. It’s hard for us to know what our little church can do to help though. The list of requirements (PIRs) from the FB-ISAO helps us know exactly the types of things to look for and what we should be reporting. The PIR is also a helpful tool for our SLTT partners to know what concerns we have as a community.”

The PIR and IR are TLP:AMBER and have been developed to inform both FB-ISAO staff efforts and to inform partners who may provide intelligence and information to FB-ISAO, such as members, public sector partners at the national, state, local, tribal and territorial levels, peer information sharing and analysis entities and other partners. For our purposes, PIRs are those concerns that are most critical to FB-ISAO, and IRs are general concerns relating to the all-hazards threat environment. The items identified in the PIR document are not to suggest exclusion of other relevant threat awareness information, SARs or products from being shared with FB-ISAO. Such additional information helps empower the FB-ISAO to recognize other potential threats to the community and members.