FB-ISAO Current Threat Level

FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level: ELEVATED

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Physical Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as **"SEVERE."** As per FB-ISAO's definitions of the Physical Threat Levels, **"SEVERE"** means that an event is highly likely.

Please note that the Pandemic Threat Level has been lowered to ELEVATED.

FB-ISAO Cyber Threat Level: Guarded

FB-ISAO has assessed the general Cyber Threat Level for US Faith-Based Organizations as **"GUARDED."** As per FB-ISAO's definitions of the Cyber Threat Levels, **"GUARDED"** means FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific events, but a general risk of incidents exists.

Stories

FB-ISAO Newsletter
COVID Self-Tests

It seems almost inconceivable that the world is going into year three of the COVID pandemic. And with all the struggle, there have been plenty of advances to help organizations take steps to mitigate the impacts of the disease. In addition to social distancing, masks, vaccines, and booster shots, come COVID-19 self-tests. The CDC notes that "testing is critically important to help reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. If you have symptoms or had a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, you should be tested, regardless of your vaccination status." Self-tests, also known as "home test", "at-home test" or "over the counter test," allow individuals and organization the ability to screen and enhance upon existing policies. The FDA's website provides a full list of authorized tests, security of their assets is not typically a priority item for non-profits. Self-testing offers fast results. Self-tests can also be used as one of many risk-reduction measures, along with vaccination, masking, and physical distancing, that protect you and others by reducing the chance of viral transmission.

Information about self-tests and reliable products is widely available online. Additionally, the FDA provides a full list of authorized tests. However, that does not mean that there is not dis/mis-information about self-tests. The FDA has seen unauthorized fraudulent test kits for COVID-19 being sold online and they caution that individuals can risk unknowingly spreading COVID or not getting treated appropriately if these tests are used. As a rule, tests should only be bought from reliable authorized retailers.

In addition, a good rule of thumb for dis/mis-information is to trust verifiable sources. Do your homework and fact check the information.

- Is the information presented compatible or consistent with other known information?
- Does it come from a credible source?
- Is the information internally consistent? This means does the information within the document align or make sense with the rest of the document. Some individuals get fixated on one part of information and ignore the rest of the data that may contradict or reveal bias within the information.
- Is there supporting evidence?

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

CSAP On-Boarding	11 January 2022
National Counterterrorism Center Briefing	19 January, 2022
Monthly Threat Brief	25 January, 2022
Cyber Road Show	TBD

2022 New Password Resolutions

Did you know that in 2004, Bill Gates prematurely postulated that passwords were dead? Here we are in 2021 and passwords are still pertinent today and for the projected future. Bill is probably perturbed that his prediction was poor, but regardless of your preference, until passwords perish, they have a propensity for being pilfered. Countless breaches and data leaks continue to prove that the same leaked data keeps turning up over and over in giant data sets of stolen credential dumps that are widely accessible. These credential dumps are then used by criminals in attempts to gain access to accounts by patiently stuffing credentials into various sites and services. When passwords are reused across multiple sites, only one set of leaked credentials will unlock the keys to the entire kingdom.

Here are a few reminders on practicing a premium preventative password posture:

- **Make passwords less crackable**. Longer is stronger.
- **Create a unique password (or password/user id combination) for each website or service.** The best password is the one you don't have to remember. Check out SANS OUCH! for Making Passwords Simple.
- **Consider using a password manager to create and securely store hard to crack passwords.** "Password managers don't have to be perfect; they just have to be better than not having one." - Troy Hunt
- **Suggest creating passphrases that are more easily remembered, but more difficult to crack**. Passphrases offer an alternative to create longer, stronger protection for your accounts.
- **Use multifactor authentication (MFA) wherever it's available**. Many breaches today would be stopped with MFA.
- **Check reputable sites/services that can check your credentials against known leaks**. Troy Hunt's Have I Been Pwned is a great resource.
- **Change your password** when you discover or are notified of your account being included in a breach/leak, regardless of whether it is unique or not.

Spotlight: CSAP

Our partnership with Cyware brings access to a new and improved member portal experience called CSAP - Cyware Situational Awareness Portal. CSAP will enable the Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization to disseminate its reports through both a web portal and mobile app experience, and to capture analytics. Those analytics can be aggregated to provide a clearer picture of the threat landscape across the community of faith. The CSAP platform is robust and includes many capabilities beyond report distribution. As our community continues to grow in both size and maturity, we will work closely with Cyware and you, our members, to take advantage of those enhanced capabilities. Please watch this short video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heTSLPS_sTs which highlights some of the many capabilities of the CSAP Platform.

All members need to self-provision to continue to receive email distributions from FB-ISAO. Please watch this 2-minute video: https://vimeo.com/655300186/ab6bb5e28e and take action between 03 and 17 January so you will not miss a beat!