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[FB-ISAO Current Threat Level](#)

FB-ISAO Physical Threat Level: **Guarded**

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 [Guarded](#).

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.

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FB-ISAO Newsletter

Threat Level Update

It feels like such a long time ago when the FB-ISAO threat levels stood at “GUARDED”! That’s likely because the last time our threat levels stood at “GUARDED,” the date was 15 March 2020! On 16 March 2022, the [Threat and Incident Response Group](#) released an update to FB-ISAO’s threat levels. We are pleased to be back at “GUARDED” for all three threat levels.

The Pandemic Threat Level at “GUARDED.” GUARDED means FB-ISAO has determined that there is no specific threat at this time - in the context of the pandemic, meaning there is no specific outbreak or variant of significant concern - but a general risk of further outbreaks exists. We continue to monitor the spread of the BA.2 and other emerging variants but see no major threat of concern. The potential of a new significant variant exists, and we believe that maintaining vaccinations, and being prepared to reestablish necessary safety protocols is important.

The Physical Threat Level as “GUARDED.” GUARDED means that FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific events, but a general risk of incidents exists. As the United States returns to a level of near normalcy, we remain concerned of ongoing stressors that cause concern to FBOs, workplaces, and public settings as they re-open and return to more normal operations. Among those are stressors and potential sparks relating to COVID (issues such as masking, vaccines, safeguards, etc. that may trigger people as they return to in-person activities), economic uncertainty (supply chain disruptions, shortages of goods, inflation, etc.), and polarizing issues (including the war in Ukraine.) Of note, we are approaching the seasonal confluence of major religious events for Judaism, Islam, and Christianity: with Purim (17 Mar) is followed by Pesach/Passover (16-23 April); Ramadan begins on 02 Apr and through 02 May, and Easter is 17 April.

The Cyber Threat Level at “GUARDED.” GUARDED means FB-ISAO is unaware of any specific or targeted cyber attacks, but a general and pervasive risk of cyber attacks exists. We continue to encourage preparedness and vigilance against routine threats and ongoing challenges, such as the Log4j vulnerabilities. Regarding potential threats associated with Russia’s attack on Ukraine, we echo CISA’s [SHIELDS UP](#) statement that, “while there are no specific or credible cyber threats to the U.S. at this time, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, which has involved cyber-attacks on Ukrainian government and critical infrastructure organizations, could impact organizations both within and beyond the region, to include the U.S. homeland.

The entire threat level statement can be [found](#) here.

- Please refer to this post for an explainer on the [FB-ISAO Threat Levels](#).
- Please refer to the current National Terrorism Advisory System ([NTAS](#)) Bulletin, date [07 Feb 2022](#) (expires, 07 June 2022)
- CISA [SHIELDS UP](#) information and guidance regarding Ukraine invasion-related threats.
- Please refer to this valuable resource developed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: [Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship Security Guide](#).

Pandemic Threat Level: **GUARDED**

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Physical Threat Level: **GUARDED**

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Cyber Threat Level: **GUARDED**

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Upcoming FB-ISAO Events

NCTC Brief	20 April 2022
Monthly Threat Brief	26 April 2022
Community Meeting	19 May 2022
Cyber Road Show	TBD

Crowdsourcing and Collaboration



One of the great parts about joining FB-ISAO is the opportunity to both receive and share information with others from the community. This crowdsourcing of information and intelligence is one of the capabilities that makes an information sharing community so valuable.

From time-to-time there are emerging or ongoing events that are both relevant to FB-ISAO members and other FBOs and to other communities, such as critical infrastructure-focused information sharing communities and/or other security professionals. Recognizing that, FB-ISAO members have been able to join the National Council of ISACs (NCI) Slack Workspace to collaborate with other vetted partners on cross-sector issues. Recently, this has occurred for two events, with the NCI standing up two channels each focused on the threat and subsequent invasion of Ukraine and looking at Canada and Washington, DC's convoy protests, with an eye to other potential like events.

These channels have included ones for open source sharing and one for TLP:GREEN and TLP:AMBER information and analysis sharing. FB-ISAO members have been active in cross-sector collaboration with trusted partners! As new threats and events of interest are identified, FB-ISAO members will continue to have opportunities to get involved in cross-sector sharing. But members are also strongly encouraged to share more in our own FB-ISAO workspace! Jump into Slack, check out the channels list, plug in, ask questions, and share what you're seeing and experiencing in your community! And if you're eligible, join our working groups, and help shape and guide the ISAO's efforts! If you have questions, please reach out to our team and we're always happy to assist.

Not on FB-ISAO Slack yet? You need to be! Write to membership@faithbased-isao.org.



Spotlight: Fireside Chat

On 07 March, the Congregation Adat Reyim experienced a security incident. All is well! The safety and security lead at Congregation Adat Reyim is one of FB-ISAO's members.

Upon learning of the incident, FB-ISAO quickly organized a fireside chat to talk through the incident. The safety and security lead at Congregation Adat Reyim shared, with the community, her observations from the incident. There were many lessons learned from this discussion! The discussion touched on how to maintain a welcoming but secure environment.

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