Cybersecurity

NACHC continues to raise awareness amongst health centers to ensure that they have appropriate cybersecurity mitigation measures in place. A continual review of your emergency preparedness plans should include approaches to address cybersecurity attacks and/or breaches. With the heightened use of virtual platforms for telehealth and more robust electronic health record systems, there is a greater need for more vigilance around cyber threats.

We encourage your immediate attention and local efforts to assess your organization's security infrastructure. For additional technical assistance, please refer to the cybersecurity resource(s) listed below to ensure your organization is prepared and ready to mitigate such cyberthreats and/or attacks should they occur.

Resources:

- NACHC's Emergency Management Resources for Health Centers
- HITEQ (Health Information Technology, Evaluation and Quality Center)
 - o https://hiteqcenter.org/Resources/HITEQ-Resources/lets-talk-insider-threats
 - o HITEQ Highlights: Health Center Defense Against the Dark Web
 - o Remote Working Cybersecurity Checklist
- US CERT (Dept of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Readiness team) –
 https://us-cert.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Ransomware Executive One-Pager and Technical Document-FINAL.pdf
- CISA Alerts & more information (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Agency) https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-302a

Primary Care Associations (PCAs) may have a designated Emergency Management point of contact to assist you with State-issued alerts or local issues. Find a state-by-state listing of PCAs at https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/our-partners/browse-pcas/

Additional technical assistance documents can be found on the Cybersecurity section of the Health Center Resource Clearinghouse at https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/results/?Combined=cybersecurity.
For additional Training and Technical Assistance resources on emergency preparedness, check out the https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/results/?Combined=cybersecurity.
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