



## **JANUS COVID-19 Update #8 – April 10, 2020**

This is a different type of newsletter. Its purpose is to share information you don't normally see, on a wide variety of COVID-19 related topics from carefully vetted sources.

As the virus continues throughout the U.S., businesses are working hard to maintain daily operations while allowing workers to remotely access company networks. A major issue continues to be how reliable your infrastructure is for the increase in traffic, as well as the ramifications of remote access to your enterprise and business operations.

JANUS, the nation's oldest cyber security, privacy and business continuity consultancy has been and will continue to be fully operational in these troubled times, and we feel that it is our obligation to share useful information that could enhance remote worker efficiency, while maintaining increased levels of cyber security. Below are links to information on how best to prepare and protect yourself and your operations as this event continues to impact all of us. We hope you find this information valuable, and we always welcome your feedback. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you feel may benefit from its content.

### **Cyber Security & IT**

Microsoft Exchange: 355,000 Servers Lack Critical Patch. Fix Released in February Only Installed on 18 Percent of Servers

<https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/microsoft-exchange-355000-servers-lack-critical-patch-a-14079>

This giant remote working from home experiment is creating new problems for everyone, and it is the CIO's responsibility to enable a smooth transition.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/this-giant-remote-working-from-home-experiment-is-creating-new-problems-for-everyone/>

Hackers are scanning for vulnerable VPNs in order to launch attacks against remote workers

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/hackers-are-scanning-for-vulnerable-vpns-in-order-to-launch-attacks-against-remote-workers/>

COVID-19 Exploited by Malicious Cyber Actors - A joint alert from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the United Kingdom's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-099a>

## **Privacy**

As Jared Kushner's Task Forces Pushes For National Surveillance On Outbreak, Privacy Critics Try To Hold The Line

<https://khn.org/morning-breakout/as-jared-kushners-task-forces-pushes-for-national-surveillance-on-outbreak-privacy-critics-try-to-hold-the-line/>

## **Infrastructure and Equipment**

Tech Vendors Offer Discounted, Free Services to Channel Partners Amid COVID-19

<https://www.comptia.org/blog/tech-vendors-offer-discounted-free-services-to-channel-partners-amid-covid-19>

## **Leadership and Management**

Practical Ways To Lead Yourself During A Crisis

<https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2020/04/practical-ways-lead-yourself-during-crisis>

## **Human Resources**

White House Announces New Guidance For How Critical Employees Can Return To Work

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/08/830310903/white-house-announces-new-guidance-for-how-critical-employees-can-return-to-work>

FAQ: Human Resources And Mental Health Accommodations

<https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2020/03/faq-human-resources-and-mental-health-accommodations>

Notes On Isolation, From Those Who Know It Well. A former hostage, a writer with ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and an astronaut reflect on life under lockdown

<https://www.1843magazine.com/people/notes-on-isolation-from-those-who-know-it-well>

4 Ways To Prevent Employee Burnout

<https://www.octanner.com/insights/white-papers/4-ways-to-prevent-employee-burnout.html>

## **Safety & Compliance**

Federal Stockpile Of Emergency Medical Equipment Depleted, House Panel Says

<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/491871-federal-stockpile-of-emergency-medical-equipment-depleted-house-panel-says>

More Coronavirus Patients Testing Positive Again After Recovery

<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/491950-Coronavirus-patients-testing-positive-again-after-recovery-report>

CISA Updates Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance and FDA Issues Additional Guidance for Industry and the Public

<https://www.hfoodlaw.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/357/2020/03/HL-Memo-COVID-19-Update-CISA-Updates-Critical-Infrastructure-Workers-Guidance-and-FDA-Issues-Additional-Guidance-for-Industry-and-the-Public.pdf>

In closing, we all hope that this event will not be as severe as it appears to be shaping up to be. Thoughtful what-if planning should rule your processes moving forward, and knowing that you have a well thought out plan of action to deal with any scenario will allow you and your organization to minimize any down-side risks and disruption to your business. A PDF of this email is available by clicking here: [JANUS COVID-19 Update #8 – April 10, 2020](#)

The team at JANUS is fully operational and stands ready to answer any questions you may have and assist you in your continuity planning and secure connectivity. Please feel free to contact us at any time. Stay safe, stay healthy.

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