



DATE:	6/28/2017
TO:	Health Alert Network
FROM:	Karen M. Murphy, PhD, RN, Secretary of Health
SUBJECT:	Pennsylvania Healthcare Facilities Infected with Ransomware
DISTRIBUTION:	Statewide
LOCATION:	Statewide
STREET ADDRESS:	Statewide
COUNTY:	Statewide
MUNICIPALITY:	Statewide
ZIP CODE:	Statewide

This transmission is a “Health Advisory” that provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

HOSPITALS: PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL MEDICAL, PEDIATRIC, INFECTION CONTROL, NURSING, AND LABORATORY STAFF IN YOUR HOSPITAL.

EMS COUNCILS: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE.

FQHCs: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE.

LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Yesterday, two healthcare facilities in Pennsylvania were infected with ransomware. The Pennsylvania Department of Health encourages all healthcare facilities to remain vigilant and follow proper information system security protocols. Please see the attached information alert and HHS update below regarding yesterday’s attack, and forward this information to your IT staff where appropriate. If your facility finds yourself the victim of a cybersecurity attack, please notify your local FBI office and the Pennsylvania State Police fusion center.

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This information is current as of June 28, 2017, but may be modified in the future. We will continue to post updated information regarding the most common questions about this subject.