COVID-19 Cyber Security Impacts

Malicious URLS

Since January HC3 has issued takedown notices

for **35,364** Malicious COVID-19 websites ¹



Phishing

In April Google reported it blocked 18 million daily Malware and Phishing emails ²





CISA and NCSC are seeing a growing use of COVID-19 malicious cyber attempts ³





Trickbot is using COVID-19 financial aid themes ⁴



AZORult is being spread via malicious COVID-19 case tracking websites ⁵

Malware







From January to April Interpol

detected about 907,000 spam messages, **737** Malware-related incidents, and 48,000 Malicious URLs tied to COVID-19 ⁶

Multiple Malware groups have been weaponizing COVID-19 maps and dashboards to distribute Malware



Ransomware Attacks



Maze Ransomware targeted a mid-Atlantic Pharmacy in early July 7



In late May, a European healthcare group, was hit by the Snake Ransomware ⁸ An eldercare facility based in **Maryland** was attacked by the ransomware as a service group **Netwalker** in **June** ⁹





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