DEVELOPING A RESILIENT RESPONSE

INCREASING CONTINUITY AND RESPONDING TO A CYBER SECURITY ATTACK



Doctor says IT downtimes 'recipe for disaster' ER patient C NEWS









'We weren't ready' — Inside St. Michael Medical Center during October cyberattack outages

CommonSpirit Health Suffers IT Outages, EHR Downtime at Multiple Hospitals

Multiple hospitals within the CommonSpirit Health system, one of the nation's largest nonprofit healthcare systems, are reporting IT outages and EHR downtime.



UVM Health Delays Epic EHR Implementation After Cyberattack, COVID-19

One of 2020's worst cyberattacks resulted in UVM Health delay its Epic EHR implementation schedule.

LOCAL NEWS

St. Joseph's/Candler outage continues after ransomware attack

'Just a crazy day': More than 30 systems hit by major network crash at The Ottawa Hospital

Ransomware attack delays patient care at hospitals across the U.S.

CHI Memorial Hospital in Tennessee, some St. Luke's hospitals in Texas and Virginia Mason Franciscan Health in Seattle all have announced they were affected.

THE CYBERSECURITY 2

An 'unprecedented' hospital system hack disrupts health-care services

Cyberattack Hits Brooklyn Hospitals That Serve Poor New Yorkers

Since late November, medical professionals have been using pen and paper as experts work to get the facilities fully back online.

HEALTH

MercyOne sites open but online scheduling canceled after national cyberattack

Patients of a Vermont Hospital Are Left 'in the Dark' After a Cyberattack

A wave of damaging attacks on hospitals upended the lives of patients with cancer and other ailments. "I have no idea what to do," one said.

Settlement: Scripps Health agrees to pay \$3.5 million to patients affected in 2021 data breach

Nearly 1.2 million current and former patients at Scripps had their information compromised in the May 2021 ransomware attack.

St. Anne Hospital in Burien suffering outages due to recent IT hacking incident

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Major Florida Hospital Shuts Down Networks, Ransomware Attack Suspected

THE RESULT: EXTENDED DOWNTIMES



Why Healthcare

Technology: Reliance on technology for patient care creates vulnerability

Preparedness: Limited preparedness for large scale cybersecurity attacks

Increased Risk: Operating in downtime creates increased risk



Common Impacts

Complete technical downtime: 1-2 weeks complete

Average recovery time: For applications approximately 21-56 days

Adjustment to workflow: paper charting, paper order sets, etc.

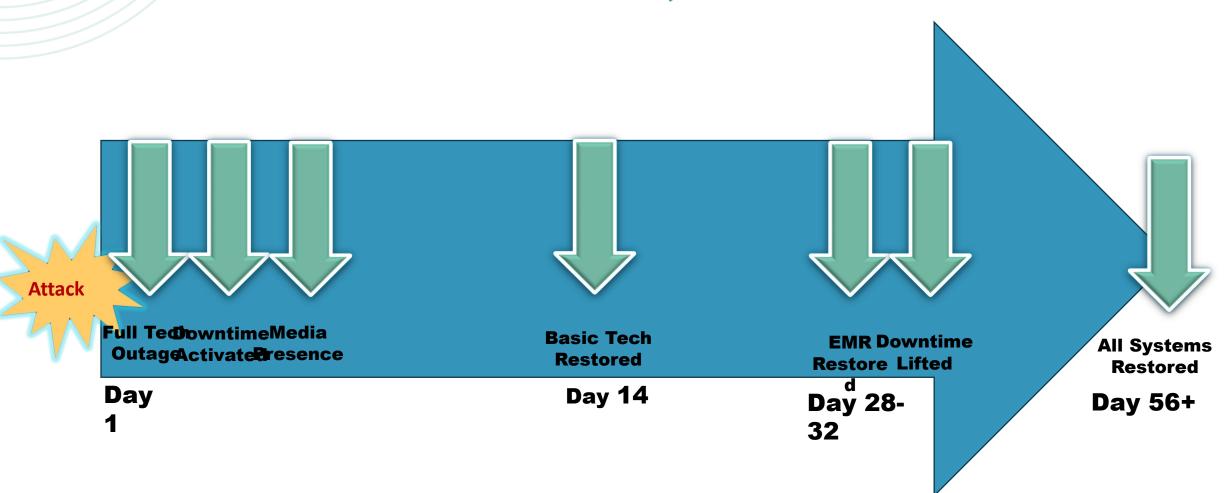


Documentation: EMR, procedure orders, patient education

Network Dependency Priority Applications: pharmaceuticals, imaging, cardiac monitoring, etc.

Resources: supply movement, printers, telephones, email

IMPACT TIMELINE IT'S A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT.



I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH, EVERY MINUTE WE ARE THERE WE FEEL LIKE WE ARE PLAYING WITH OUR LICENSE !!

Scripps RN following 2021 Cyber Attack

THEY WERE TRYING TO REMEMBER
EVERYTHING THEY KNEW ABOUT A PATIENT,
BUT NONE OF THAT IS ACCURATE, OUR
BRAINS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO BE
ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS. THAT'S
NOT SAFE, AND WE ALL KNOW IT.

Vermont Health Network RN following 2020 Cyber Attack

INCREASING DOWNTIME MATURITY

ADAPTABLE
FOR SHORT
AND LONG
DOWNTIMES

ADOPT A
COLLABORATIV
E PLANNING
APPROACH

DEVELOP
DEPARTMENT
SPECIFIC
WORKFLOWS
AND FORMS

PROVIDE
REGULAR
EDUCATION OF
DOWNTIME
PROCESS

CREATE A
MAINTENANCE
PLAN TO
ENSURE
REGULAR
REVIEW

RESOURCES

Health Sector Coordinating Counsel Cyber Working Group.

- Operational Continuity Cyber Incident (OCCI) Checklist
- Coordinated Healthcare Incident Response Plan (CHIRP)
- From Panic to Plan: Executive Strategies for Handling **Cybersecurity Incidents**

Health Industry Cybersecurity -Coordinated Healthcare Incident Response Plan (CHIRP)

From Panic to Plan: Executive Strategies

HEALTH INDUSTRY CYBERSECURITY

for Handling Cybersecurity Incidents





Health Sector Coordinating Council Cybersecurity Working Group







Measure

Health Industry Cybersecurity -

Operational Continuity – Cyber Incident (OCCI)

INCIDENT RESPONSE TOOLS

Response Guideline

Cybersecurity/Technology System Prolonged Massive Disruption or Outage

This checklist outlines recommended initial (first 12 hours) actions and considerations during cybersecurity incidents

Command positions should be activated as they are needed. If a command position is not activated, actions fall to the Incident Commander and can be delegated as appropriate. Position activation may depend on staff availability or the size and scope of the incident.

Based on assessment by CIO, CISO, and senior leadership, incident command may be activated Threshold for activation:

A prolonged massive disruption meets or has the potential to meet any of the following:

- a. Patient safety and/or member service impacts
- b. Large-scale clinical workflow, patient care, and/or member service impacts
- Implementation of preventative defenses that could impact clinical workflow

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Incident Commander	
	Role: Provides overall strategic direction on all site-specific response actions and activities.
1.1	Identify Incident scope and obtain situational awareness
	 Identify Scope – One site/multiple sites/Isolated outage/full network outage
	 Assume it is a malicious (cybersecurity) incident until proven otherwise
	 Situational awareness – operational, business, and clinical impacts
1.2	Establish a cadence and process for coordination with IS/IT and Cyber Security
	 Consider command center coordination or unified command based on organizational
	structure (Hospital, IS/IT, and Cybersecurity Command)
1.3	Activate applicable continuity and downtime plan(s)
	 If plans do not exist or are not functional, rapidly identify critical services and create a
	plan to continue/sustain services
1.4	Communicate activation of downtime plans to inform operational changes
	 Consider use of overhead paging, mass notification system, etc.
1.5	Approve recommendations from Operations relative to:
	Scaling services
	Pausing services
	Initiating diversionary status

TAKING ACTION





- Cybersecurity Annex / Incident Response Plans
- Incident Command Framework
- Communication Plan for Cybersecurity Events
- Collaboration with Cybersecurity, Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery



Training & Education

- Integration of cybersecurity hygiene into regular training.
- Overview of different cybersecurity incidents and potential impacts.
- Extended downtime training and education.



Exercises

- Evolve exercises to include cybersecurity and downtime objectives.
- Integrate downtime exercising into regular maintenance windows.
- Start small and build over time.
- Workshop, TTX, Simulation, Full Scale Exercise

WORKSHOPS | EXERCISES | SIMULATIONS



MULTI-DISCIPLINARY

- Leverage Emergency
 Management partnerships.
- Identify opportunities for leadership and executive participation.
- Include departments in the planning process.



OBJECTIVE DRIVEN

- Define SMART objectives and used them to evaluate exercise deliverables.
- Identify a specific scope and anticipated outcomes.
- Outline participant expectations and responsibilities.



PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

- Request feedback from all participants and observers.
- Develop an After-Action Report / Improvement Plan.
- Utilize opportunities to drive adjustments and updates to process.

SUMMARY

- Cyber Security attacks in healthcare often result in extended downtimes and potential impacts to patient care.
- Current downtime and continuity plans rarely offer the necessary level of preparedness.
- It is imperative to develop a more resilient approach to extended downtime response.

QUESTIONS

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