



CYBERSECURITY

[Chinese and Russian Hackers Targeting COVID-19 Vaccine Makers in U.S. Crosshairs](#)

Last week, authorities from the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada accused a well-known hacker group tied to the Russian government, APT29 (aka Cozy Bear), of using malware to exploit security vulnerabilities to enable it to steal COVID-19 vaccine research from companies located in those countries working to develop a vaccine. This followed a Federal Bureau of Investigation warning that Chinese hackers were targeting research organizations to gain access to research related to a COVID-19 vaccine, treatments and testing. [Read more](#)

DATA SECURITY

[Three Keys to Avoiding Microsoft Teams Data Swamp](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly forced companies to innovate and explore new ways of working across their workforce and client base. Some have decided to dive head first into implementing collaboration technologies such as Microsoft Teams. After all, it's part of the Microsoft stack, so in theory such a decision doesn't require a significant financial investment. This is true, but it does require time to be set aside to discuss a governance plan and what role this new technology will play in your company. This involves defining the people, processes and structure behind your Microsoft Teams setup. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Fall-Out from Blackbaud Ransomware Attack](#)

As a follow-up to last week's [post](#) on the importance of due diligence regarding high-risk vendors' security practices, Blackbaud, a global company providing financial and fundraising technology to not-for-profit entities, notified its customers late last week that it was the victim of a ransomware attack in mid-May. Blackbaud offers a number of products to its customers, including aggregating research data of publicly available information on the wealth of individuals for not-for-profits to assess donors' giving capacity. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[FAA Waivers Can Help During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been granting drone flight waivers for certain restricted flights to help during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the FAA says that it is unlikely the waivers will extend

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beyond current stay-at-home restrictions. Thus far, the FAA has been granting waivers for companies using drones to deliver food and supplies in certain parts of the country in order to enable people to stay home while still being able to get the things they need. These approvals have been granted under the Part 107 (Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Rule), Special Government Interest Approval (e.g., a public safety aircraft), Part 137 Certification (i.e., agricultural aircraft operations) and Part 135 Certification (i.e., package delivery and beyond visual line of sight). As we look ahead, whether the FAA will continue to grant waivers as readily as they are in the current landscape is unknown. [Read more](#)

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

[Automated Vehicles Assist with Contactless Delivery During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Several autonomous vehicle developers stopped their on-road testing to keep staff at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, but others pivoted to COVID-19 relief, not only to be useful but to gain experience. Some companies and developers in this space have taken this opportunity to deploy self-driving cars and driverless bots to help deliver goods both on the frontlines and to residents during the stay-at-home orders across the country, including pharmaceutical deliveries for those affected by the virus and quarantined at home. [Read more](#)

[What Do Electric and Self-Driving Cars Mean for Our Electrical Grid?](#)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said in a recent report, “The development of advanced automated vehicle safety technologies including fully self-driving cars, may prove to be the greatest personal transportation revolution since the popularization of the personal automobile nearly a century ago.” However, the automobile and transportation industry is still struggling with how this revolution will take place and what it means for one of the key components - the electrical grid. Vehicle-grid integration will present an opportunity to more efficiently plan and operate infrastructure broadly. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #245

[Breach Notification Letter](#)

Data breaches are becoming more common. It is almost inevitable that our personal information will be compromised if it has not been already. This week’s tip covers some ideas for how to protect your information in the event a breach occurs. [Read more](#)



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