



CYBERSECURITY

[FBI Warns of Sharp Increase in Ransomware Attacks in Certain Sectors](#)

The Federal Bureau of Investigations Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) recently issued a public service announcement warning private companies about the increasing numbers of ransomware attacks affecting private industry. According to the warning, "Although state and local governments have been particularly visible targets for ransomware attacks, ransomware actors have also targeted health care organizations, industrial companies, and the transportation sector." [Read more](#)

HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY

[URGENT/11 Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities Could Affect Medical Devices and Hospital Networks](#)

On the heels of an FDA committee report concerning cybersecurity issues with medical devices [view related [post](#)], the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an [alert](#) regarding cybersecurity vulnerabilities, referred to as "URGENT/11," that could introduce risks for some medical devices and hospital networks. [Read more](#)

HIPAA

[Dental Practice Pays \\$10,000 Fine to OCR for Disclosing PHI on Social Media](#)

Elite Dental Associates (Elite), located in Dallas, Texas has agreed to settle alleged HIPAA violations with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) for \$10,000. The OCR alleged that it received a complaint from a patient in June 2016 that Elite had disclosed the patient's last name and details of the patient's health condition on social media. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[U.S. Supreme Court Declines to Hear Case on Whether Commercial Websites and Mobile Apps Subject to Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(the "ADA"\)](#)

According to UsableNet, a technology and accessibility company, nearly 2000 ADA-related lawsuits are expected to be filed by the end of 2019. UsableNet claims almost half of top 500 retailers have been sued since just the last two years. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

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[From California to Nevada: Another State Privacy Law That You Need to Know](#)

While we've discussed the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) at length, Nevada was busy amending its internet privacy law and in the process beat California's deadline for the effective date by three months. Nevada's [SB 220](#) is effective as of October 1, 2019. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Department of Defense Subcontractors: Cybersecurity Compliance is Top Priority](#)

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment has been on a fast track mission to shore up the cybersecurity measures of defense contractors and the supply chain to the Department of Defense (DOD). It is in the process of developing a Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) requirement for those vendors. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[UPS Receives FAA Approval for Drone Deliveries](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted UPS Flight Forward, Inc. (UPS) a Part 135 air carrier and operator certification for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS or drone) delivery. The certification was granted through the FAA's UAS Integration Pilot Program and will allow UPS to perform revenue-generating package-delivery activities using drones. As a Part 135 operator, UPS will not have pre-set limits on the size or scope of its operations. Operationally, this allows UPS to fly an unlimited number of drones with an unlimited amount of remote operators in command, and also permits the drone and cargo to exceed the 55-pound limit set by the Small UAS Part 107 Rule. Additionally, UPS is permitted to operate beyond visual line of sight and at night without further authorization. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #211

[WhatsApp Users: Update Your App to Patch Vulnerability](#)

WhatsApp has announced that it has patched a vulnerability that would have allowed hackers to access chat history of users with malware. This week's privacy tip discusses why WhatsApp is urging users to update the app. [Read more](#)

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