



## CYBERSECURITY

### [HHS Issues Update to Ransomware Threat Alert to Health Care Sector](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) issued a health care and public health sector notification this week entitled "Ransomware Activity Targeting the Healthcare and Public Health Sector (Update 2)," which was co-authored by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to provide a situation update on the threat of ransomware to the health care sector. [Read more](#)

## DATA PRIVACY

### [California's Consumer Privacy Rights Act \(CPRA\): Key Effective Dates and the Creation of the California Privacy Protection Agency](#)

With the passage of the ballot initiative known as the Consumer Privacy Rights Act (CPRA or Act) in California, we are presenting several blog articles on different topics related to this new law. Last week, we wrote about the newly-added definition of [sensitive information](#). This week we will focus on some key effective dates in the CPRA along with what it will mean to have a separate privacy rights enforcement agency. [Read more](#)

### [New Canadian Privacy Legislation on the Horizon](#)

This week, the Canadian government proposed new legislation in Bill C-11, or the Digital Charter Implementation (the ACT), which includes some hefty fines for companies for violations - up to five percent of their revenue or C\$25 million, whichever is higher. The Act would increase protections for Canadians' personal information by giving citizens more control and greater transparency from companies handling their information. The Act addresses consent, data portability, consumer control over their "online identity" and disposal of personal information, as well as de-identification rules. A [Fact Sheet](#) about this proposed law outlines the effect on Canadian citizens and their privacy rights. [Read more](#)

## HIPAA

### [OCR Settles Another Right-of-Access Initiative Case](#)

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued a press release on November 12, 2020, announcing that it had settled its eleventh enforcement action

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in its HIPAA Right-of-Access Initiative. The settlement with Dr. Rajendra Bhayani, an otolaryngologist (ENT) practicing in Regal Park, New York, included a payment of \$15,000, a corrective action plan and two years of monitoring by the OCR. [Read more](#)

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## NEW + NOW

### [Threat Statistics Are Scary](#)

The threat-related statistics of malware and ransomware are mind-boggling. We have regularly reported on the dramatic increase of ransomware, but the statistics on successful exploitation and botnet activities are just as bad. [Read more](#)

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## DRONES

### [REMINDER: Renew Your Drone Registrations](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a reminder this week for all those whose drone registrations expire next month. If an individual or business registered a drone directly with the FAA through its DroneZone, you should log into your account to renew your registration. If you registered using a third-party service, you should contact that company to request DroneZone login credentials or create a new account and obtain a new registration. [Read more](#)

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### [Walmart's COVID-19 Testing by Drone Pilot Program](#)

If you live within a one and a half-mile radius of the east side of the Walmart store in El Paso, Texas in a single-family home, within a one-mile radius of the North Las Vegas Walmart store in a single-family home, or within a one-mile radius of the Cheektowaga, New York Walmart store, then you are eligible to take part in the COVID-19 testing delivery-by-drone pilot program. It works like this: A drone drops off a testing kit with a self-administered nasal swab; the patient then ships the sample to Quest Diagnostics using a pre-paid shipping envelope. The results are provided to the patient online. [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #260

### [Don't Fall for the Worrisome Termination Email Sent from Your Boss](#)

Just as ending a relationship with an email or a text message is bad form, employers don't usually terminate employees with an email. This week's privacy tip covers a recent scam. [Read more](#)





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