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Spy agency warns Canada's coronavirus researchers to look out for hacking threats 

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-spy-agency-warns-canadas-coronavirus-researchers-to-look-out-for/>

A federal intelligence agency is telling Canada's COVID-19 researchers to lock down their data because sophisticated hackers are out to "steal ongoing key research toward a vaccine."

This warning from the domestic data-security arm of Communications Security Establishment (CSE), comes as global scientists are working together to get the pandemic under control. While many scientists are team players working together toward a common goal, unspecified entities – possibly nation states – are seeking any advantage that comes with being the first to figure out a remedy.

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Public health can override privacy, but it's not happening yet: Privacy commissioner 

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/privacy-covid-19-michael-harvey-1.5507979>

Under normal circumstances, information and privacy commissioner Michael Harvey would have issues with the forms intended for reporting people alleged to have violated orders under the public health emergency.

But given the current state of the emergency, with 24 cases of COVID-19 in the province, Harvey said he's not going to make a fuss about it.

"These are extraordinary times and they call for extraordinary measures," Harvey told CBC Radio's St. John's Morning Show. "We do ask that people be privacy sensitive, but again these are times that call for things that three weeks ago nobody thought would ever be required."

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Canada's security and intelligence agency removing fraudulent COVID-19 websites

<https://mobilesyrup.com/2020/03/23/canada-security-intelligence-agency-covid-19/>

One of Canada's national intelligence agencies, the Communications Security Establishment, says it has removed numerous fraudulent websites amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

The agency told CBC News that fraudsters are spoofing several government organizations such as the Public Health Agency of Canada, Canada Revenue and the Canada Border Services Agency.

In one instance, fraudsters posed as the Public Health Agency and told people that they had tested positive for COVID-19. They then asked for credit card information to send a prescription.

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COVID-19 demonstrates the need for disaster recovery and business continuity plans

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/covid-19-demonstrates-the-need-for-disaster-recovery-and-business-continuity-plans/>

The need for a disaster recovery business continuity plan is becoming more critical as the enterprise adjusts to the business disruptions caused by the coronavirus.

No, a virus in and of itself can't shut your company's systems, operations, or services down, but it can impact how a business functions, especially if people are quarantined at home or too sick to work or experience a network outage or other disruption.

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How to control what personal information people see in Android

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-to-control-what-personal-information-people-see-in-android/>

Did you know that you are actually in control of what personal information people see when you create or share content within the Google ecosystem, such as YouTube and Google Drive? If you're serious about your privacy, this is something you should certainly want to take control of. But how?

Fortunately, Google has made this exceedingly easy from within the Android platform. I'm going to show you how to hide certain bits of information away from prying eyes.

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U.S. government, tech industry discussing ways to harness location data to combat coronavirus

<https://www.seattletimes.com/business/technology/u-s-government-tech-industry-discussing-ways-to-harness-location-data-to-combat-coronavirus/>

The U.S. government is in active talks with Facebook, Google and a wide array of tech companies and health experts about how they can use location data gleaned from Americans' phones to combat the novel coronavirus, including tracking whether people are keeping one another at safe distances to stem the outbreak.

Public-health experts are interested in the possibility that private-sector companies could compile the data in anonymous, aggregated form, which they could then use to map the spread of the infection, according to three people familiar with the effort, who requested anonymity because the project is in its early stages.

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Hackers Target World Health Organization

<https://www.pymnts.com/news/security-and-risk/2020/world-health-organization-target-hack/>

A hacking organization tried to breach the World Health Organization (WHO) recently, according to a report by Reuters.

WHO Chief Information Security Officer Flavio Aggio said the identity of the hacking group isn't known, and cyberattacks against the organization have increased exponentially during the coronavirus crisis.

The hack was discovered by Alexander Urbelis, a cybersecurity expert and lawyer who looks for suspicious internet activity. He said he discovered the activity on March 13, when hackers introduced a fake, malicious site that pretended to be the WHO's email system.

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