



Community Bankers of Washington

COVID19 Cyber Update

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Exploitation of COVID19 by Malicious Attackers

- **Impact of remote workforce**
 - Attacks on remote users
 - Less protected endpoints
 - Lack of endpoint detection and response
 - Lack of multi-factor authentication
 - Attacks on Remote Desktop Protocol
 - Lack of multi-factor authentication
 - Attacks on networks
 - Fewer personnel watching the network



Primary COVID19 cyber attack vectors and exploits

- **Primary attack vectors**
 - **Phishing email messages**
 - **Brute force on remote desktop protocol**
- **Primary exploits**
 - **Ransomware attacks**
 - Encryption extortion
 - Exfiltration extortion
 - **Email Account Compromises**
 - Credential harvesting
 - Wire transfer redirects
 - Direct deposit redirects
 - W-2 image theft



Create a human firewall

- Since all technological risk cannot be mitigated with technology ... **the human user of technology – the employee - is essential to network security**
- It is critical to **establish a culture of security**
 - **Safe environment** in which to communicate
 - **Effective training** programs
 - **Efficient reporting** protocols
 - Create a **human firewall**

Lewis Brisbois – Free resources

- **24/7 telephonic & email hotline:**
 - 844.312.3961
 - breachresponse@lewisbrisbois.com
- **Digital Insights blog;**
- **Interactive maps:**
 - data breach notification statute maps;
 - information security standards;
- **Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Handbook;** and
- **“Lewis Brisbois Cyber Practice” App:**
 - Available in App Store.

