

# COVID-19 RELATED CYBER NEWS

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## COVID-19 RELATED ARTICLES

MAIN SOURCES	
Bleeping Computer	<a href="https://www.bleepingcomputer.com">https://www.bleepingcomputer.com</a>
Bloomberg	<a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/europe">https://www.bloomberg.com/europe</a>
BBC i-player technology news	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology</a>
Business Insider	<a href="https://www.businessinsider.com/international?r=US&amp;IR=T">https://www.businessinsider.com/international?r=US&amp;IR=T</a>
CNET	<a href="https://www.cnet.com/news/">https://www.cnet.com/news/</a>
Cyware	<a href="https://cyware.com/cyber-security-news-articles">https://cyware.com/cyber-security-news-articles</a>
Dark Reading	<a href="https://www.darkreading.com">https://www.darkreading.com</a>
Fireye	<a href="https://www.fireeye.com">https://www.fireeye.com</a>
Fraud Watch International	<a href="https://fraudwatchinternational.com">https://fraudwatchinternational.com</a>
The Guardian	<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/uk">https://www.theguardian.com/uk</a>
Hackmageddon	<a href="https://www.hackmageddon.com">https://www.hackmageddon.com</a>
Help Net Security	<a href="https://www.helpnetsecurity.com">https://www.helpnetsecurity.com</a>
Info Security Magazine	<a href="https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com">https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com</a>
Malwarebytes	<a href="https://blog.malwarebytes.com/category/malwarebytes-news/">https://blog.malwarebytes.com/category/malwarebytes-news/</a>
Naked Security (Sophos)	<a href="https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com">https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com</a>
Reuters technology news	<a href="https://uk.reuters.com/news/technology">https://uk.reuters.com/news/technology</a>
Risk IQ	<a href="https://www.riskiq.com/blog/analyst/covid19-cybercrime-update/?utm_source=homepage&amp;utm_medium=carousel-covid19-cybercrime-blog">https://www.riskiq.com/blog/analyst/covid19-cybercrime-update/?utm_source=homepage&amp;utm_medium=carousel-covid19-cybercrime-blog</a>
Security Boulevard	<a href="https://securityboulevard.com">https://securityboulevard.com</a>
SC Magazine UK	<a href="https://www.scmagazineuk.com">https://www.scmagazineuk.com</a>
SC Magazine US	<a href="https://www.scmagazine.com">https://www.scmagazine.com</a>
Sky News	<a href="https://news.sky.com/uk">https://news.sky.com/uk</a>
Threatpost	<a href="https://threatpost.com">https://threatpost.com</a>
Wall Street Journal	<a href="https://www.wsj.com/news/technology">https://www.wsj.com/news/technology</a>
We Live Security	<a href="https://www.welivesecurity.com">https://www.welivesecurity.com</a>
ZDnet	<a href="https://www.zdnet.com/2/">https://www.zdnet.com/2/</a>

### SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020

- **Amtrak resets user passwords after Guest Rewards data breach**  
<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/amtrak-resets-user-passwords-after-guest-rewards-data-breach/>
- **'Scorching-hot hacked computer burned my hand'**  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52834378?intlink\\_from\\_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cz4pr2qd85qt/cyber-security&link\\_location=live-reporting-story](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52834378?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cz4pr2qd85qt/cyber-security&link_location=live-reporting-story)
- **Judge demands Capital One release Mandiant cyberforensic report on data breach**  
[https://www.zdnet.com/article/judge-demands-capital-one-releases-mandiant-cyberforensic-report-on-data-breach/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.zdnet.com/article/judge-demands-capital-one-releases-mandiant-cyberforensic-report-on-data-breach/?&web_view=true)
- **Himera and AbSent-Loader Leverage Covid19 lures**  
[https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/104015/malware/himera-absent-loader-covid19-lures.html?&web\\_view=true](https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/104015/malware/himera-absent-loader-covid19-lures.html?&web_view=true)
- **Emirates airlines warns against phishing email attacks**  
[https://gulfnews.com/uae/emirates-airlines-warns-against-phishing-email-attacks-1.71754375?&web\\_view=true](https://gulfnews.com/uae/emirates-airlines-warns-against-phishing-email-attacks-1.71754375?&web_view=true)
- **U.S. state regulators' annual report cites uptick in cybersecurity failures**  
[https://www.reuters.com/article/bc-finreg-cybersecurity-failures-uptick-idUSKBN2351Z9?&web\\_view=true](https://www.reuters.com/article/bc-finreg-cybersecurity-failures-uptick-idUSKBN2351Z9?&web_view=true)
- **How GitHub untangled itself from an 'Octopus' malware that infected 26 projects**  
[https://www.cyberscoop.com/github-octopus-malware-supply-chain/?category\\_news=technology&web\\_view=true](https://www.cyberscoop.com/github-octopus-malware-supply-chain/?category_news=technology&web_view=true)
- **This new Trickbot malware update makes it even harder to detect**  
[https://www.zdnet.com/article/this-new-trickbot-malware-update-makes-it-even-harder-to-detect/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.zdnet.com/article/this-new-trickbot-malware-update-makes-it-even-harder-to-detect/?&web_view=true)
- **Bank of America data breach – was your info exposed?**  
<https://www.komando.com/security-privacy/huge-bank-of-america-data-breach/740447/>
- **We hack Facebook: State-sponsored cybercrime in Bangladesh**  
<https://netra.news/2020/we-hack-facebook-state-sponsored-cybercrime-in-bangladesh-1137>
- **Top UN official warns cyber crime on rise in pandemic**  
<https://www.boston.com/news/politics/2020/05/23/top-un-official-warns-cyber-crime-on-rise-in-pandemic>
- **NHS contact tracing undermined by hackers sending fraudulent warnings to public**  
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/05/30/nhs-contact-tracing-undermined-hackers-sending-fraudulent-warnings/>
- **Businesses Urged To Remain Vigilant To Mandate Fraud**  
<https://www.swanningtonparishcouncil.org.uk/news/2020/05/businesses-urged-to-remain-vigilant-to-mandate-fraud>

- **Himera and AbSent-Loader Leverage Covid19 lures**  
<https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/104015/malware/himera-absent-loader-covid19-lures.html>
- **A new COVID-19-themed campaign targets Italian users**  
<https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/104053/cyber-crime/covid-19-themed-campaign-italy.html>
- **ICT solutions provider NTT Com discloses security breach**  
<https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/category/data-breach>

## **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

- **Office 365 to give detailed info on malicious email attachments**  
<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/office-365-to-give-detailed-info-on-malicious-email-attachments/>
- **Hacktivist Group Anonymous Suspected of Taking Down Minneapolis Police Department Website**  
[https://variety.com/2020/digital/news/anonymous-hackers-minneapolis-police-department-website-george-floyd-1234621332/?&web\\_view=true](https://variety.com/2020/digital/news/anonymous-hackers-minneapolis-police-department-website-george-floyd-1234621332/?&web_view=true)
- **Hacker leaks database of dark web hosting provider**  
[https://www.zdnet.com/article/hacker-leaks-database-of-dark-web-hosting-provider/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.zdnet.com/article/hacker-leaks-database-of-dark-web-hosting-provider/?&web_view=true)
- **Apple Pays Hacker \$100,000 For 'Sign In With Apple' Security Shocker**  
[https://www.forbes.com/sites/daveywinder/2020/05/31/apple-pays-hacker-100000-for-sign-in-with-apple-security-shocker/#28a2ab107799?&web\\_view=true](https://www.forbes.com/sites/daveywinder/2020/05/31/apple-pays-hacker-100000-for-sign-in-with-apple-security-shocker/#28a2ab107799?&web_view=true)
- **Australia's cybersecurity problem - The Australian**  
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwifg97Mgu7pAhVuZxUIHcZfCosQFjAAegQIBBAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theaustralian.com.au%2Fbusiness%2Ftechnology%2Faustralias-cybersecurity-problem%2Fnews-story%2F4e8617b075f175b5fc27df35d606c4c0&usq=AOvVaw0UHJtJnsE6XMLN9yc5rtFX>
- **Australia: Viruses about! Cyber-security update for lenders**  
<https://www.mondaq.com/australia/fin-tech/944488/viruses-about-cyber-security-update-for-lenders>
- **Wage Subsidy fraud goes beyond New Zealand borders**  
<http://www.indiannewslink.co.nz/wage-subsidy-fraud-goes-beyond-new-zealand-borders/>
- **Cyber-attackers targeting UK independent schools**  
<https://edtechnology.co.uk/latest-news/cyber-attackers-targeting-uk-independent-schools/>

## **MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

- **Ransomware locks down the Nipissing First Nation**  
<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/ransomware-locks-down-the-nipissing-first-nation/>
- **"Sign in with Apple" vulnerability earns researcher \$100,000**  
<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/apple/sign-in-with-apple-vulnerability-earns-researcher-100-000/>
- **Joomla data breach leaks 2,700 user records via exposed backups**  
<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/joomla-data-breach-leaks-2-700-user-records-via-exposed-backups/>
- **Over 460 million records exposed in breach incidents reported in May**  
<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/over-460-million-records-exposed-in-breach-incidents-reported-in-may/>
- **The return of the Anonymous hacker collective**  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52879000?intlink\\_from\\_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cz4pr2gd85qt/cyber-security&link\\_location=live-reporting-story](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52879000?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cz4pr2gd85qt/cyber-security&link_location=live-reporting-story)
- **Hackers in £800K ransom note to PPE firm**  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-52880218?intlink\\_from\\_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cz4pr2gd85qt/cyber-security&link\\_location=live-reporting-story](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-52880218?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cz4pr2gd85qt/cyber-security&link_location=live-reporting-story)
- **How COVID-19 is accelerating the need for digital B2B payments**  
<https://www.businessinsider.com/sc/covid-19-accelerates-need-for-digital-b2b-payments-2020-6?r=US&IR=T>
- **Fraudsters Exploit COVID-19 To Scam \$5.6m From Victims**  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/soorajshah/2020/05/31/fraudsters-exploit-covid-19-to-scam-56m-from-victims/?&web>
- **Beware this DStv Premium upgrade scam in South Africa**  
[https://mybroadband.co.za/news/broadcasting/354273-beware-this-dstv-premium-upgrade-scam-in-south-africa.html?&web\\_view=true](https://mybroadband.co.za/news/broadcasting/354273-beware-this-dstv-premium-upgrade-scam-in-south-africa.html?&web_view=true)
- **Cyberattacks Runs Rampant in the Education Sector**  
<https://cyware.com/news/cyberattacks-runs-rampant-in-the-education-sector-27c73a52>
- **Hackers Steal SQL Databases From Several Online Shops, Demand Bitcoin in Return**  
<https://cyware.com/news/hackers-steal-sql-databases-from-several-online-shops-demand-bitcoin-in-return-9effa3a5>
- **Berserk Bear APT Penetrates German Infrastructure via Supply Chain Attacks**  
<https://cyware.com/news/berserk-bear-apt-penetrates-german-infrastructure-via-supply-chain-attacks-f790a4d5>
- **Decoding the Defacement Wave**  
<https://cyware.com/news/decoding-the-defacement-wave-2769e57e>

- **SaltStack Vulnerabilities Continue to Wreak Havoc on Enterprises Like Cisco**  
<https://cyware.com/news/saltstack-vulnerabilities-continue-to-wreak-havoc-on-enterprises-like-cisco-770df9a7>
- **Iran cyberattack on Israel tried to increase chlorine in water - report**  
[https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/iran-cyberattack-on-israel-tried-to-increase-chlorine-in-water-report-629910?&web\\_view=true](https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/iran-cyberattack-on-israel-tried-to-increase-chlorine-in-water-report-629910?&web_view=true)
- **Multi-Stage Variant of Valak Malware Targets Enterprise Data**  
<https://cyware.com/news/multi-stage-variant-of-valak-malware-targets-enterprise-data-6c5e3936>
- **New Octopus Scanner Malware Poisoning NetBeans Projects on Github**  
<https://cyware.com/news/new-octopus-scanner-malware-poisoning-netbeans-projects-on-github-afabc48a>
- **Form-Based Phishing Attacks: All You Need to Know**  
<https://cyware.com/news/form-based-phishing-attacks-all-you-need-to-know-ad146e1a>
- **Financial Services Sector Witnessing Increased Attacks**  
<https://cyware.com/news/financial-services-sector-witnessing-increased-attacks-4a373b27>
- **Amtrak Discloses Security Incident Involving Guest Reward Accounts**  
[https://www.securityweek.com/amtrak-discloses-security-incident-involving-guest-reward-accounts?&web\\_view=true](https://www.securityweek.com/amtrak-discloses-security-incident-involving-guest-reward-accounts?&web_view=true)
- **India: Haryana govt's data on families breached**  
[https://ciso.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/haryana-govts-data-on-families-breached/76129791?&web\\_view=true](https://ciso.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/haryana-govts-data-on-families-breached/76129791?&web_view=true)
- **This Bot Hunts Software Bugs for the Pentagon**  
[https://www.wired.com/story/bot-hunts-software-bugs-pentagon/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.wired.com/story/bot-hunts-software-bugs-pentagon/?&web_view=true)
- **Mitron App's Security Flaw Lets Hackers Access User Accounts In Seconds: Report**  
[https://in.mashable.com/tech/14419/mitron-apps-security-flaw-lets-hackers-access-user-accounts-in-seconds-report?&web\\_view=true](https://in.mashable.com/tech/14419/mitron-apps-security-flaw-lets-hackers-access-user-accounts-in-seconds-report?&web_view=true)
- **Steganography Anchors Pinpoint Attacks on Industrial Targets**  
[https://threatpost.com/steganography-pinpoint-attacks-industrial-targets/156151/?&web\\_view=true](https://threatpost.com/steganography-pinpoint-attacks-industrial-targets/156151/?&web_view=true)
- **Defence against cybercrime in the conveyancing industry**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghEdkLc9WPU>
- **Check your super balance. Australians scammed out of thousands via the coronavirus early release scheme**  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-06-01/scammers-stealing-thousands-through-coronavirus-super-scheme/12301010>
- **Avast: The number of ransomware attacks in Australia has increased by 10% during the COVID-19 pandemic**  
<https://prwire.com.au/pr/89965/avast-the-number-of-ransomware-attacks-in-australia-has-increased-by-10-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- **Australia to refund \$720m in Centrelink 'debts' calculated by unlawful algorithm**  
<https://tech.newstatesman.com/public-sector/australia-to-refund-centrelink-debts>
- **Payment App Data Breach Exposes Millions of Indians' Data**  
<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/indian-payment-app-bhim-data-breach/>
- **Joomla team discloses data breach**  
<https://www.zdnet.com/article/joomla-team-discloses-data-breach/>
- **Mitigating and investigating cryptocurrency and digital asset fraud in the Asia-Pacific region: some key considerations**  
<https://www.reedsmith.com/en/perspectives/2020/06/mitigating-and-investigating-cryptocurrency-and-digital-asset-fraud>
- **Insurance fraudsters accused of targeting NHS staff with online scam**  
<https://www.halifaxcourier.co.uk/lifestyle/cars/insurance-fraudsters-accused-targeting-nhs-staff-online-scam-2870635>
- **Brokers warned after FCA survey scam revealed**  
<https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/brokers-warned-after-fca-survey-scam-revealed/1433521.article>
- **New DVLA vehicle tax refund scam discovered - motorists urged to 'report' immediately**  
<https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/cars/1289867/new-dvla-scam-message-car-tax-report-police-fraud>
- **HUMAN-RIGHTS GROUPS ASK POLICE TO HUNT HACKERS ATTACKING HOSPITALS**  
<https://h-isac.org/h-isac-chief-security-officer-quote-in-wall-street-journal/>

## **TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

- **Critical Exim bugs being patched but many servers still at risk**  
<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/critical-exim-bugs-being-patched-but-many-servers-still-at-risk/>
- **Data Breach in an Indian E-Governance Website Leaks Data of 7.26 Million Users**  
<https://cyware.com/news/data-breach-in-an-indian-e-governance-website-leaks-data-of-726-million-users-54a99a3d>
- **Industry experts warn of new Covid-19 scams including NHS Test & Trace scheme exploit**  
[https://www.scmagazineuk.com/industry-experts-warn-new-covid-19-scams-including-nhs-test-trace-scheme-exploit/article/1684834?&web\\_view=true](https://www.scmagazineuk.com/industry-experts-warn-new-covid-19-scams-including-nhs-test-trace-scheme-exploit/article/1684834?&web_view=true)
- **Vulnerability Spotlight: VMware Workstation 15 denial-of-service vulnerability**  
[https://blog.talosintelligence.com/2020/06/vulnerability-spotlight-vmware.html?&web\\_view=true](https://blog.talosintelligence.com/2020/06/vulnerability-spotlight-vmware.html?&web_view=true)
- **Police Disruption Erodes Trust on Dark Web**  
[https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/police-efforts-help-to-erode-trust/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/police-efforts-help-to-erode-trust/?&web_view=true)

- **What the COVID-19 pandemic teaches us about cybersecurity – and how to prepare for the inevitable global cyberattack**  
[https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/covid-19-pandemic-teaches-us-about-cybersecurity-cyberattack-cyber-pandemic-risk-virus/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/covid-19-pandemic-teaches-us-about-cybersecurity-cyberattack-cyber-pandemic-risk-virus/?&web_view=true)
- **After a breach, users rarely change their passwords, study finds**  
[https://www.zdnet.com/article/after-a-breach-users-rarely-change-their-passwords-study-finds/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.zdnet.com/article/after-a-breach-users-rarely-change-their-passwords-study-finds/?&web_view=true)
- **Hackers in £800K Bitcoin ransom note to Kent PPE firm**  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-52880218?intlink\\_from\\_url=&link\\_location=live-reporting-story&web\\_view=true](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-52880218?intlink_from_url=&link_location=live-reporting-story&web_view=true)
- **After a spate of device hacks, Google beefs up Nest security protections**  
[https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/01/google-nest-advanced-protection/?&web\\_view=true](https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/01/google-nest-advanced-protection/?&web_view=true)
- **Kubernetes Bug Leaves Default Clusters Vulnerable to Man-in-the-Middle Attacks**  
[https://www.cbronline.com/news/kubernetes-bug/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.cbronline.com/news/kubernetes-bug/?&web_view=true)
- **Coronavirus campaigns lead to surge in malware threats, Labs report finds**  
[https://blog.malwarebytes.com/reports/2020/06/coronavirus-campaigns-lead-to-surge-in-malware-threats-labs-report-finds/?&web\\_view=true](https://blog.malwarebytes.com/reports/2020/06/coronavirus-campaigns-lead-to-surge-in-malware-threats-labs-report-finds/?&web_view=true)
- **North Korea denies US hacking accusations**  
[https://www.cyberscoop.com/north-korea-issues-blanket-denial-us-hacking-accusations/?category\\_news=financial&web\\_view=true](https://www.cyberscoop.com/north-korea-issues-blanket-denial-us-hacking-accusations/?category_news=financial&web_view=true)
- **'Anonymous' Is Going Viral Again, But Is It Really Back?**  
[https://www.vice.com/en\\_ca/article/wxq5mm/anonymous-minneapolis-george-floyd-protests?&web\\_view=true](https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/wxq5mm/anonymous-minneapolis-george-floyd-protests?&web_view=true)
- **Sodinokibi ransomware operators leak files stolen from Elexon electrical middleman**  
[https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/104149/cyber-crime/sodinokibi-published-elexon-files.html?&web\\_view=true](https://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/104149/cyber-crime/sodinokibi-published-elexon-files.html?&web_view=true)
- **Over 460 million records exposed in breach incidents reported in May**  
[https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/over-460-million-records-exposed-in-breach-incidents-reported-in-may/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/over-460-million-records-exposed-in-breach-incidents-reported-in-may/?&web_view=true)
- **What Enterprises Can Expect Following the Cyberspace Solarium Commission Report**  
[https://securityintelligence.com/articles/what-enterprises-can-expect-following-the-cyberspace-solarium-commission-report?&web\\_view=true](https://securityintelligence.com/articles/what-enterprises-can-expect-following-the-cyberspace-solarium-commission-report?&web_view=true)
- **New Technique Improves Effectiveness of Timing Channel Attacks**  
[https://www.securityweek.com/new-technique-improves-effectiveness-timing-channel-attacks?&web\\_view=true](https://www.securityweek.com/new-technique-improves-effectiveness-timing-channel-attacks?&web_view=true)
- **8Belts exposes personal data of 100,000 e-learners globally**  
[https://www.hackread.com/8belts-exposes-data-of-100000-e-learners/?&web\\_view=true](https://www.hackread.com/8belts-exposes-data-of-100000-e-learners/?&web_view=true)
- **Corporate fraud on the rise as ASX 200's bend focus to covid-19**  
<https://www.consultancy.com.au/news/2182/corporate-fraud-on-the-rise-as-asx-200s-bend-focus-to-covid-19>
- **REvil ransomware gang launches auction site to sell stolen data**  
<https://www.zdnet.com/article/revil-ransomware-gang-launches-auction-site-to-sell-stolen-data/>
- **Fraud Insights: First compensation order made against disqualified director**  
<https://www.mishcon.com/news/fraud-insights-first-compensation-order-made-against-disqualified-director>
- **3 ARRESTED IN HUNGARY IN €1.4 MILLION VAT FRAUD INVESTIGATION**  
<https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/3-arrested-in-hungary-in-€14-million-vat-fraud-investigation>
- **Brexit will complicate tackling fraud across Europe – but maybe civil remedies hold the key**  
<https://www.euronews.com/2020/02/05/brexit-will-complicate-tackling-fraud-across-europe-but-maybe-civil-remedies-hold-view>
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