

# Cyber Security ALERT

## Update #1

### COVID-19

Good afternoon

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) has asked the Department of Corporate and Information Services to circulate advice about COVID-19 themed cyber threats to industry stakeholders and subscribers.

You are receiving this email either as a local ICT provider or as a previous attendee at a Cyber Smart event delivered by the Department of Corporate and Information Services.

It is likely further advices will be issued by the ACSC on this topic. If you would like to provide an alternative email address to receive these advices or to 'unsubscribe' from receiving further email advices on security issues please email [BeCyberSmart.DCIS@nt.gov.au](mailto:BeCyberSmart.DCIS@nt.gov.au)

### Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC)

The ACSC is providing information on cyber security relating to COVID-19 for businesses and individuals.

As more staff may work from home, and the use of remote access technology increases, [cybercriminals may attempt to take advantage of the changed situation](#). The ACSC encourages Australians to remain vigilant and make sure their cyber security practices are sound.

See the latest [COVID-19 Threat Advice](#) (also attached) that details COVID19 themed threats and advice to reduce the risk of being impacted. Follow alerts and advice on COVID-19 from the ACSC at [www.cyber.gov.au/tags/covid-19](http://www.cyber.gov.au/tags/covid-19).

### Cyber Security Essentials when preparing for Covid-19 and working from home

Practising good cyber security practices during the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is the best way to address the cyber threat and help protect your business.

The ACSC [Essentials for preparing for Covid-19](#) details strategies to protect your business, including advice on remote access, updating/patching systems, securing devices and multi-factor authentication.

As more people work from home, collaboration tools can be essential to staying connected. See the recent advice from the ACSC on [web conferencing security](#) (also attached).

## Cyber Security Step by Step Guides – individuals and business

The [ACSC Small Business Cyber Security Guide](#) provides specific information to help small businesses protect themselves from the most common cyber security incidents.

The ACSC also publish [Step-by-Step guides](#) to help you turn on security settings like multi-factor authentication and automatic updates on different online services, like email and Facebook, and different operating systems. These guides are useful to both individuals and businesses.

Visit [becybersmart.nt.gov.au](http://becybersmart.nt.gov.au) for advice on protecting yourself and your business when online.

## COVID-19 Scam Messages Targeting Australians

The ACSC is aware of a COVID-19 themed scam being distributed via text message. Detailed advice about this scam is available from the [Stay Smart Online alert service](#).

For this particular scam, the text messages appear to come from 'GOV' as the sender and include a link to find out when to '*get tested in your geographical area*' for COVID-19.

The link in these text messages is not legitimate, and if clicked on, may install malicious software on your device, designed to steal a victim's banking details. Do not click the link.

Find out more about protecting against [phishing](#) – or fake messages sent by email, SMS, instant messaging and social media platforms, designed to steal your information.

See Stay Smart Online advice and alerts on their [website](#) and Facebook.

**If you have any issues or concerns relating to the ACSC's content, please contact the ACSC 24/7 Team at [ASD.Assist@defence.gov.au](mailto:ASD.Assist@defence.gov.au).**

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