

Dear Emergency Managers,

To help our communities continue to be strong and protected while staying connected, Governor Eric J. Holcomb's Executive Council on Cybersecurity developed the *Indiana Emergency Manager Cybersecurity Toolkit* for local government emergency managers to use as they navigate through the complexities of cybersecurity at a local level.

Launched in 2019 as a first-of-its-kind toolkit, you can start using this updated resource today.

As emergency managers, we need to convey the importance of this pervasive and serious threat to the many partners in our communities we already coordinate with every day on other threats and hazards. This ever-growing threat is becoming more and more of a concern as many of our local governments in Indiana have experienced unwanted cyber incidents and cyberattacks.

The best way to approach this new threat environment is like all others: we assess, we plan, we train, and we exercise, in order to be prepared when a cyber incident or cyberattack happens.

As this Toolkit is intended to be a valuable resource for emergency managers throughout the state, we welcome your feedback, as a way to improve it as a useful and reliable tool for an ever-changing world.

I hope this also provides the necessary information and tools to get you started so your community is better equipped to prepare and plan for a threat that is increasing by the day with your leadership, peers, and community partners.

Sincerely,

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