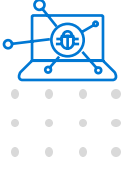# Microsoft

Microsoft Cybersecurity Program for Rural Hospitals

Microsoft is committed to helping rural hospitals prevent and mitigate the growing threat of cyberattacks that can severely impact patient care and compromise private data.

130%
Approximate increase in healthcare ransomware attacks in 2023 [1]

91%
Of hacks have a financial motive [3]

48%
Of small to mid-size hospitals suspended operations in the past 6 months due to a cyberattack [3]

70%
Of healthcare cyberattacks occur in small organizations [2]

$10.9M
Average cost for addressing a hospital cyberattack [4]

18.7 Days
Average downtime at a healthcare organizations following a cyber breach [5]

The US Department of Health & Human Services has outlined key **Cybersecurity Performance Goals**, yet Rural Hospitals often have limited resources and staff to achieve these benchmarks

On June 10, 2024, The White House, Microsoft, the AHA and NRHA launched an unprecedented partnership to fight cyber criminals attacking rural hospitals.

Read the Press Release here.

Microsoft is committed to supporting all rural hospitals in the US with the following:

Affordable access

Cybersecurity for Rural Hospitals
- Nonprofit pricing and discounts for its security products (up to 75% discount) to independent Critical Access Hospitals and Rural Emergency Hospitals
- New licenses of Microsoft 365 E5 Security, our leading security solution, at no cost for one year to hospitals already using eligible Microsoft solutions
- Windows Support Extension for Hospitals running Windows 10 to access the Extended Security Update for one year

Cybersecurity capacity

Address cybersecurity risk
- Microsoft-funded assessments through our partners Tech Impact and FSi Strategies to evaluate cybersecurity risks within the hospital environment and identify actions to better protect the organizations
- Free, curated cybersecurity training for frontline staff and foundational cyber certifications for IT staff

Innovation

Address root challenges
- Microsoft launched the Rural Health AI Innovation Lab in collaboration with a cohort of rural healthcare leaders to rapidly bring innovative AI solutions for rural hospitals to market
- Collaboration with Airband support for broadband connectivity and TechSpark for technical skilling in rural areas

1. Director_of_National_Intelligence Report: Ransomware_Attacks_Surge_in_2023.pdf (dni.gov)
2. CSC 2.0 Report
3. Tausight, 2022
4. IBM Data Breach Report
5. Comparitech, 2023

https://aka.ms/Microsoft_Security_Rural_Hospitals

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Cybersecurity skilling for rural hospitals

Microsoft Cybersecurity Program for Rural Hospitals

Cyberattacks are a growing threat that can severely impact patient care and compromise private data. Microsoft is committed to helping rural hospitals keep their health services safe and secure.

Learn More →

Cybersecurity is for everyone

Educate everyone in your organization with the cybersecurity awareness resources and training curated by the security experts at Microsoft.

Ensure frontline workers understand cybersecurity basics

Get your team started with the free Microsoft Learn Path, **Essential cybersecurity awareness for healthcare staff**

- Basic cybersecurity threats, attacks, and mitigations
- Authentication and authorization in cybersecurity
- Device-based threats and security controls
- Application-based threats and how to protect against them
- Securing you: Basics and beyond

Certification and advanced skilling for IT staff

Earn your free **career essentials certificate** in cybersecurity

1. Cybersecurity threat landscape
2. Cybersecurity terminology
3. Cybersecurity foundations

Advanced skilling

Complete additional learning paths

- **Microsoft security documentation**
- **Microsoft 365 security and compliance capabilities**

Additional resources to keep your facility running securely

Empower your staff to be cybersecurity champions

Help educate everyone in your organization with cybersecurity awareness resources and training curated by the security experts at Microsoft.

Get the Be Cyber Smart Kit

Infographics, videos, and email templates to help your team protect sensitive data, avoid scams, manage passwords, and keep software up-to-date.