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Local Government Cybersecurity And Covid-19

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Cybersecurity Challenges Cybersecurity is an essential government and private sector function. It plays a integral role in maintaining the critical infrastructure of the nation. This is especially true in times of disaster. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has raised cybersecurity issues to local governments in terms of an unprecedented shift of employees working remotely, an increase in agency website traffic of 100%, and an increase in attacks with a fourfold increase in cybersecurity complaints to the FBI, which all bring the potential for long term security risks.