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## Daily Physical Security Report

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- Nothing Significant To Report.

#### Upcoming Health-ISAC Events

- Global Monthly Threat Brief
  - American – May 27, 2024, 12:00-01:00 PM ET
  - European – May 02, 2024, 03:00-04:00 PM CET **TODAY**
- ASHER Series Part 3 – In Person at Spring America Summit– May 20, 2024
- T-SIG Webinar for SMB Members - May 09 at 11:30 AM ET
- Spring Americas Summit, Orlando, Florida - May 20-24, 2024
- European Summit, Athens, Greece - October 15-17

## **Leading Story**

### **[France: Adverse Weather Forecast Across Much Of The Country](#)**

#### **Summary**

According to France's meteorological service, Meteo France, most of the country is forecast to experience severe weather through at least May 3. Northern and eastern France is expected to receive strong thunderstorms, while western France receives heavy rains, strong winds, lightning, and hail. Orange thunderstorm warnings were issued for the Bourgogne-Franche-Comte Region, Grand Est Region, Aisne, Hauts-de-France Region, and across Ile-de-France Region.

#### **Analysis & Action**

Facilities may experience weather-related disruptions to transportation as possible flooding and strong winds make traveling by road difficult or dangerous. To mitigate the impediments to employee travel and access to emergency services, facilities may want to investigate routes around commonly flooded areas. Facilities may also experience outages, which can be mitigated by ensuring that emergency systems such as backup generators are regularly serviced to guarantee they are operational.

#### **Physical Security**

### **[Mexico: Armed Men Kill Patient At Mexican Hospital](#)**

#### **Summary**

On April 30, armed men entered a hospital in central Mexico and killed a patient who was already being treated for a previous gunshot wound. The attack is said to have occurred in Cuernavaca, the state of Morelos capital. The patient was a 24-year-old man who was admitted on April 28 for the gunshot wound. The armed men made their way into the intensive care unit where the patient was located and fled after the attack. A day earlier, it is reported that an attacker dressed as a doctor attempted to kill a patient with an injection in Sinaloa.

#### **Analysis & Action**

Killings within hospital in Mexico is not an unknown phenomenon as gangs will often try to finish off rivals who were wounded in attacks in hospitals or ambulances. Deploying additional security guards is recommended in cases where a known gang member is within a healthcare facility to deter attackers from entering the facility.

#### **Fraud and Criminal Threats**

## [United States: Justice Department Recovers Fraudulent Transfer Of Proceeds Arising From Kickback Scheme](#)

### **Summary**

The United States Justice Department recently announced it had reached a \$16 million settlement with Floyd Calhoun Dent, III, the co-owner of BlueWave Healthcare Consultants Inc. over a healthcare kickback scheme and fraudulent transfer claims. Dent was found to have submitted false claims to Medicare and transferred the proceeds of his fraud to family members and other affiliated organizations. Also included in the settlement is the surrendering of all Dent and his affiliated family members and organization's assets, valued \$33.6 million.

### **Analysis & Action**

Facilities are encouraged to perform regular audits to discourage cases of fraud, such as these kickback schemes, and to ensure that resources are being used appropriately. Schemes such as this not only steal taxpayer money from government funded programs but also cause harm to the program's public image. If these publicly funded programs continue to be abused, they may be discontinued.

### **Health and Environmental Threats**

## [Australia: Increase In Pneumonia Cases In North South Wales Children Prompts Warning From Health Experts](#)

### **Summary**

The number of school-aged children in hospitals for pneumonia symptoms has tripled compared to January. As of last week, 124 children four and under were in emergency departments with pneumonia last week. For those between five and 16 years old, the number was significantly higher at 317 in the same week. Older teenagers and adults also ending up in emergency rooms with 127 cases. Due to the large increase in the number of children in North South Wales with pneumonia health experts have issued a warning.

### **Analysis & Action**

The number of cases is likely increasing due to the number of children who have not built an immunity to the bacteria causing the pneumonia cases. Emergency room numbers of those infected with pneumonia likely underestimate the number of infected individuals as general practitioners see a rise in cases. Pneumonia can be spread by airborne respiratory droplets. Healthcare facilities are recommended to be prepared to treat an increased number of patients with pneumonia symptoms.

### **Protests & Disruption Events**

## [United States: Health Care Workers Walk Picket Line At Machias Hospital](#)

### **Summary**

The Maine State Nurses Association, part of National Nurses United, is asking for a 15% wage increase over three years for all union employees. Down East Community Hospital is only offering a 3.5% increase but an additional increase for working certain shifts. Following the standstill in negotiations for a new contract nurses and health care technicians began a two-day strike on Tuesday. Staff members will return to work on Thursday regardless of if demands are met. Hospital representatives see the demand as unnecessary as they claim they are competitive in their wages and increasing wages would make the hospital financially unstable.

### **Analysis & Action**

Healthcare facilities expecting strikes should prepare for possible disruptions to operations. Any non-emergency procedures are recommended to be rescheduled not to overwhelm staff not participating in the strike. Patients entering the facility should be advised of longer wait time while the strike is ongoing. Emergency medical services are likely to remain unaffected and continue to operate.

### **Critical Infrastructure Threats**

Nothing Significant To Report.

**Reference(s):** [policymed](#), [9News](#), [garda](#), [newscentermaine](#), [Fox News](#)

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