

San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Ransomware Report



PARTNER UPDATE – November 9th, 2020

Dear reader,

On October 7, 2020, the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury issued a report on Ransomware attacks on local governments' data infrastructure. According to the report, the Grand Jury found that most government entities do not thoroughly scan systems and test backup processes. San Mateo County strongly advises that the governing board members and directors access and evaluate their current Cybersecurity plans, software, and prevention strategies by November 30, 2020. Full report is available online:
http://www.sanmateocourt.org/documents/grand_jury/2019/ransomware.pdf

Based on the [Ransomware report](#), KIS - Keep IT Simple is urging San Mateo County's governing entities to be prepared during the Cyberattacks. KIS and its IT staff are encouraging the local public organizations to improve security defenses by testing, setting up malware detection software, and developing backup and restoration strategies to establish a fast, full recovery that will avoid future ransomware payment.

Further, we advise that your dedicated IT departments establish a review of your Cybersecurity plan, which includes:

- Prevention and strategic planning
- Incident response
- Backup and recovery

If necessary, KIS can act as your responding IT agency! We can perform tests, report on findings, and create recommendations within your dedicated time. You would need to schedule quickly.

If you have questions about the report or recommended procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

Keep IT Simple, and Keep IT Safe.

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