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## Urgent Notification of Microsoft Security Vulnerability

Microsoft has reported an exploit affecting its Windows Server and Windows Desktop operating systems. Patches to address the problem have been released and are included with Microsoft's standard updates, however it has been assigned an overall CVSS (Common Vulnerability Scoring System) severity score of 10, **the highest exploitability and risk designation before actual exploits are found.**

Additionally, CISA (US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) has also issued an emergency directive requiring all federal agencies to apply the patch immediately. For more information regarding the exploit, you can read an explanation here: <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/current-activity/2020/09/18/cisa-releases-emergency-directive-microsoft-windows-netlogon>

We are recommending that this particular patch be deployed promptly for any Windows servers that have not been updated within the last week. A second phase will be required to update workstations to prevent communication failure on the domain after Microsoft forces the secure channel in Q1 2021.

Some of our client relationships are such that we often remediate critical vulnerabilities proactively and without notification. However, given the current economic challenges faced by many businesses and the desire to carefully monitor spending, we request that clients wishing to have this fix deployed immediately simply reply to this email with a simple "Yes" authorizing us to proceed. We will schedule the patch to be installed on the next available evening as a reboot of the server may be required.

For questions, feel free to contact our Remote Support Center at (424) 207-5140 or send an email [support@sandboxtech.com](mailto:support@sandboxtech.com). For convenience, we have also attached a copy of Microsoft's summary and FAQ's concerning this vulnerability.

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