

COT Security Alert – Emails with Infected Attachments

The Security Administration Branch has become aware of emails with infected .ZIP attachments arriving in state email inboxes. These items have been formatted to appear as emails that may typically be opened without thought, such as scanned documents that have been sent from a network scanner, printer, or copier. Users should be aware, however, that the sender may change the format or content of these emails in order to evade detection.

As a reminder, users are urged to verify with the sender any attachments that arrive in unexpected emails before opening them even if they appear to be from a trusted source. Attachments from unknown sources should never be opened.

NOTICE: COT is providing this information so that you are aware of the latest security threats, vulnerabilities, software patches, etc. You should consult with your network administrator or other technical resources to ensure that the appropriate actions for these alerts are followed. If you are a network administrator and need additional information, please call the Help Desk at 502.564.7576.

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