

COT Security Alert – Inbound Port 445 Traffic

The Commonwealth Office of Technology has observed a large amount of network traffic over port 445 originating from the Internet attempting to make connections within the KIH. This port is used for Windows file sharing and is utilized by several virus variants currently in the wild. Due to the large volume of traffic, and the lack of a legitimate need for Windows file sharing to be exposed to the Internet, COT is taking actions to block this traffic inbound from the Internet. This should not have any negative effects on operations and will further protect the KIH from current and emerging threats.

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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