

Spanish hospitals targeted with coronavirus-themed phishing lures in Netwalker ransomware attacks

By Computing News

Published: 2020-03-24 · Archived: 2026-04-05 13:17:35 UTC

Computing News

🕒 24 March 2020 • 2 min read

Groups behind Netwalker switched phishing baits to coronavirus last week - as other ransomware groups pledged to avoid medical facilities

Hospitals in Spain have been targeted with coronavirus-themed phishing lures by attackers looking to lock-down their systems with Netwalker ransomware.

[Local reports](#) indicate that medical centres have been receiving emails purporting to offer "information on COVID-19", but with PDF attachments that activate the ransomware, commonly associated with computer crime groups in Eastern Europe.

Information has been passed to Spain's National Police.

Spain has been particularly hard hit by the coronavirus COVID-19, with the fourth-largest outbreak in the world

Membership benefits include:

- **Unlimited access to real-time news, analysis and opinion**
- **Receive breaking news in our daily newsletter**
- **Be the first to hear about our events and awards programmes**
- **Gain exclusive discounts to our events**
- **Receive our members-only newsletter with exclusive opinion pieces from senior IT leaders**
- **Find out about new episodes of our Ctrl Alt Lead podcast featuring interviews with leading IT professionals**

Already Subscribed?

Source: <https://www.computing.co.uk/news/4012969/hospitals-coronavirus-ransomware>