Cyber alert: spoofing SBA loan site via phishing emails

SBA - Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response - sent a notification to all healthcare institutions, about a phishing attempt via email. The emails were sent by a counterfeiter who was utilizing step-down units (SDUs) as a possible solution to balance the ratio of inflow and outflow of ICU patients. SDUs played an important role in ICU creation as a possible solution, taking lessons learned from MICUs, to balance the ratio of inflow and outflow of ICU patients. According to the manuscript, "We have presented the effects of SDU (step-down unit) assisted with meeting both hospital and patient needs during this pandemic. Our experts found that creating a step-down unit versus expanding their existing ICU creation can assist with meeting both hospital and patient needs during this pandemic."

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Pandemic logistics ~ utilizing step-down vs expanding ICU

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CDC updates return to work criteria for healthcare workers

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Similar to prior guidelines updates, a test-based strategy is still not recommended (with some exceptions) because this results in excluding healthcare personnel from work who are, in most cases, no longer infectious.

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