

DISTRICTS MUTUAL INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES | Collaborators in Risk Management |

## BASELINE UNDERWRITING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Secure remote network access via MFA for all remote access.
  - Remote access to your network, applications, systems by employees, contractors and network service providers.
  - Remote access to your data on cloud-hosted systems (i.e., software as a service, backups, etc.)
  - Remote access to your email, O365, Google, etc.
  - To access your VPN.
  - On-premises access for privileged users.
- 2. Backup and recovery assessment.
  - Air-gapped backups, taking into account cadence, segregation, testing and redundancy.
- 3. Conducting regular employee infosec training, including quarterly phishing simulations.
- 4. Endpoint protection (endpoint detection and response or EDR).
- 5. Incident response plans that include ransomware readiness (underwriters will want to know the plans have been tested as well).
- 6. Timely, consistent patch management protocols.
- 7. Secure email configurations DMARC, SPF, DKIM.
- 8. Filtering inbound web traffic.
- 9. Implementing least-privilege administrative models.
- 10. Internal and external vulnerability scanning and secure remote desktop configurations.
- 11. Segregating unsupported end-of-life software from primary network.
- 12. Requiring callback verification for authorization of wire payments and any requested changes in routing information by third parties (call the previously known number on file, not a number provided via email request).