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Fwd: Private & Confidential: Weekly Covid-19 related registrations update

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Best,

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Dear all,

Please see below for our usual Covid domains update from last week, with my apologies for the slight delay.

Ukraine-Russia

Last week Paul shared a written update on our latest actions in response to the Ukraine-Russia conflict and the heightened threat landscape. This is available to read here, and if you have any questions, please do let me know: <https://www.nominet.uk/an-update-on-ukraine/>

Covid-19 Registrations

From 18 March 2020 – 10 March 2022:

7355 total registration requests for domains related to Covid-19

Weekly changes:

- +4 new registration requests for domains related to Covid-19 in the last week – all new registrations containing the key words are typically placed on hold pending due diligence
- +6 new approvals of domains related to Covid-19 that have now passed due diligence and are resolving normally

Current snapshot of the registry domains related to Covid-19:

- 4644 non functional (suspended) – this includes domains undergoing due diligence, and domains suspended pending renewal/cancellation.
- 2711 resolving normally.

Criminal activity

We received no new Covid-19 related domain suspension requests from law enforcement this week. The total number of domains suspended from criminal activity related to Covid-19 remains at **nine**.

Best wishes,

Justin

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Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 4:51 PM  
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Subject: Private & Confidential: Weekly Covid-19 related registrations update

Private & Confidential

Dear all,

Our weekly update on Covid-19 domains is included below as per usual.

Ukraine-Russia

Separately, I just wanted to add we're very mindful of the work across Government covering the Ukraine-Russia conflict. For info we are continuing to both tighten up our cyber security, and maintain up-to-date risk assessments in light of the heightened threat landscape. We are sending regular updates to employees to promote good security practices and have kept Nominet members alerted, including to the NCSC's advice. We've also been in contact with Ofcom about this this week.

I will keep Sakib, Jas and Simon in particular up to date with any developments, but otherwise if you've any questions please do let me know.

Covid-19 Registrations

From 18 March 2020 – 3 March 2022:

7351 total registration requests for domains related to Covid-19

Weekly changes:

+9 new registration requests for domains related to Covid-19 in the last week – all new registrations containing the key words are typically placed on hold pending due diligence

+5 new approvals of domains related to Covid-19 that have now passed due diligence and are resolving normally

Current snapshot of the registry domains related to Covid-19:

4636 non functional (suspended) – this includes domains undergoing due diligence, and domains suspended pending renewal/cancellation.

2715 resolving normally.

Criminal activity

We received no new Covid-19 related domain suspension requests from law enforcement this week. The total number of domains suspended from criminal activity related to Covid-19 remains at nine.

Best wishes,

Justin

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Subject: RE: Weekly Covid-19 related registrations update

Dear all,

Do accept my apologies for a slightly delayed weekly update, as I was on leave on Friday. Our latest figures are included below.

Covid-19 Registrations

From 18 March 2020 – 24 February 2022:

7342 total registration requests for domains related to Covid-19

Weekly changes:

+17 new registration requests for domains related to Covid-19 in the last week – all new registrations containing the key words are typically placed on hold pending due diligence

+3 new approvals of domains related to Covid-19 that have now passed due diligence and are resolving normally

Current snapshot of the registry domains related to Covid-19:

4612 non functional (suspended) – this includes domains undergoing due diligence, and domains suspended pending renewal/cancellation.

2730 resolving normally.

Criminal activity

We received no new Covid-19 related domain suspension requests from law enforcement this week. The total number of domains suspended from criminal activity related to Covid-19 remains at nine.

Best wishes,