CIRT Playbook Battle Card: GSPBC-1069 - Command and Control - Communication Through Removable Media

(D) Propagation (C) Containment		
(P) Preparation	(I) Identification	(C) Containment
 Patch asset vulnerabilities Perform routine inspections of controls/weapons Maintain Antivirus/EDR application updates Create network segmentation Log traffic between network segments Incorporate threat intelligence Perform routine inspections of asset backups Conduct user security awareness training Conduct response training (this PBC) Disable Autoruns if not needed [2] Set policies to restrict the use of removable media at an organization level [3] 	 Monitor for: a. unexpected file access on removable media [4] b. newly executed processes when removable media is mounted [5] Investigate and clear ALL alerts associated with the impacted assets or accounts Routinely check firewall, IDS, IPS, and SIEM logs for any unusual activity 	 Inventory (enumerate & assess) Detect Deny Disrupt Degrade Deceive Destroy Observe -> Orient -> Decide -> Act Issue perimeter enforcement for known threat actor locations Archive scanning related artifacts such as IP addresses, user agents, and requests Determine the source and pathway of the attack Fortify non-impacted critical assets Disable Internet access if an asset is suspected of C2 communication [1]
(E) Eradication	(R) Recovery	(L) Lessons/Opportunities
 Close the attack vector by applying the Preparation steps listed above Perform endpoint/AV scans on targeted systems 	Restore to the RPO (Recovery Point Objective) within the RTO (Recovery Time Objective)	 Perform routine cyber hygiene due diligence Engage external cybersecurity-as-a-service providers and response professionals
 3. Reset any compromised passwords 4. Inspect ALL assets and user activity for IOC consistent with the attack profile 5. Inspect backups for IOC consistent with the attack profile PRIOR to system recovery 6. Patch asset vulnerabilities 	2. Address any collateral damage by assessing exposed technologies3. Resolve any related security incidents	 Implement policy changes to reduce future risk Utilize newly obtained threat signatures Remember that data and events should not be chain of behavior that could lead to other activit References: https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T109