

# Procedures/Standards Update

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**TO:**

Chief Information Officers (CIO)  
Information Security Officers (ISO)  
Agency Chief Information Officers (AIO)  
Agency Information Security Officers (AISO)

**SUBJECT:**

Security Event Notification and Response  
Protocols

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**BACKGROUND**

The California Department of Technology (CDT), Office of Information Security (OIS) has developed the Security Event Notification and Response Protocols standard (SIMM 5335-A) to establish statewide minimum protocol requirements to support information security monitoring and vulnerability management activities. Effective immediately, Agencies/state entities must ensure that information security monitoring technologies and processes used for their respective organization(s) comply with the requirements outlined in SIMM Section 5335-A.

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Policy/Guidelines update is to announce:

- Updated SAM Section 5335 to include reference to SIMM 5335-A, Security Event Notification and Response Protocols standards.
  - New SIMM Section 5335-A, Security Event Notification and Response Standard, which includes minimum protocol requirements.
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**REFERENCES**

The following reference materials are associated with this procedures/standards update. SIMM is available on the Department of Technology's website located at: <https://cdt.ca.gov/policy/simm/>. The State Administrative Manual (SAM) is available on the Department of General Services website located at: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/Resources/SAM/TOC>.

- SAM Section 5335
  - SIMM Section 5335-A
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**QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to the Department of Technology, Office of Information Security at [security@state.ca.gov](mailto:security@state.ca.gov).