



# NEWSLETTER

*“Be strong now because things will get better. It might be stormy now but it can’t rain forever.”*

## ORION CONSORTIUM

### NEWS YOU CAN USE:

**Updated CWIP Compliance Deadline for GES Employees: May 31st, 2020.**

*More info on page 3*

### COVID-19 UPDATES

Log in to the Employee Knowledge Center to stay informed on the latest COVID-19 updates and view Contract-Specific Guidelines.  
[orionconsortium.com/contractguidance/](http://orionconsortium.com/contractguidance/)

If your work hours have been reduced because of COVID-19, please know that we are waiting on additional guidance to determine if we qualify for the CARES Act and how to proceed. In the meantime, please carefully track your reduced hours under the COVID-19 timesheet code until we have further guidance. We ask for your patience while we wait for forthcoming information, as soon as we have additional information you will be the first to know!  
*\*Please note as of now GES and Microsoft are still operating under normal work hours.\**

### CYBERSECURITY

Please be aware of phishing scams and cyberattacks masked as promising information on COVID-19. Please take extra precautions and be vigilant about your cybersecurity during this time.

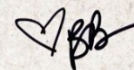
**Orion Team,**

**Life looks a lot different than it did a month ago. We are all going through trying and uncertain times. And now, more than ever, we need each other. All of our lives are in some way affected by COVID-19, uniting our nation and across the globe. How we approach each other and our communities with empathy and kindness is indisputably important right now.**

**We understand how hard this is on everyone. We at Orion appreciate your commitment, patience and understanding. We will keep you informed on any new information and updates as we receive them. Remember, this situation is temporary and the storm will pass.**

This pandemic experience is a massive experiment in collective vulnerability. We can be our worst selves when we’re afraid, or our very best, bravest selves. In the context of fear and vulnerability, there is often very little in between because when we are uncertain and afraid our default is self-protection. We don’t have to be scary when we’re scared. Let’s choose awkward, brave, and kind.

**And let’s choose each other.**



# On The Bright Side

## 12 POSITIVE THINGS HAPPENING BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC



1. Families are reconnecting and getting to spend more time together.
2. People are spending more time outdoors and being active.
3. More time for self-care, cooking, getting the rest your body needs, and catching up on your favorite shows.
4. Ivy League Colleges are offering free online courses. Check out courses from Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Penn, Princeton and Yale here!! <https://www.classcentral.com/>
5. Air quality is improving greatly across the globe!
6. Parks, public transportation, workspaces, schools, etc. are finally getting a much needed cleaning!
7. Many are finding ways to connect in other ways - gyms are live streaming workouts, friends are using FaceTime, and apps such as *Houseparty* to be together virtually.
8. Utility companies, landlords, automakers, and internet providers are waiving a number of late fees and payments to ease the financial burden of the shutdown.
9. School districts across the country are still opening their doors to serve meals to kids and families.
10. Restaurants are waiving delivery fees. Uber Eats is waiving delivery fees for 100,000 Restaurants.
11. There's no better time than now to learn how to dance! Dance Vision is offering a free month-long subscription to their entire video library to keep you dancing during difficult times. Sign up here!! <https://dancevision.com/product/free-subscription/>.
12. You have more time to study for you A+, Network + or Security+ certifications!!! Which brings me to my next point...

Conversations will not be cancelled.  
 Relationships will not be cancelled.  
 Love will not be cancelled.  
 Songs will not be cancelled.  
 Reading will not be cancelled.  
 Self-care will not be cancelled.  
 Hope will not be cancelled.

May we lean into the good stuff that remains.

*Jaime Iworkowski*



# CWIP COMPLIANCE

## What is CWIP?

*CWIP is the Client's Cyberspace Workforce Improvement Program.*

Contracted support personnel assigned to perform cyberspace work roles must meet their established qualification standards. Employees must obtain an A+, Network+, or Security+ (or higher level) certification.

## Who must be CWIP compliant?

This is currently only a mandate for GES employees, but will eventually apply to all contracts and employees.

## What resources can I use to study?

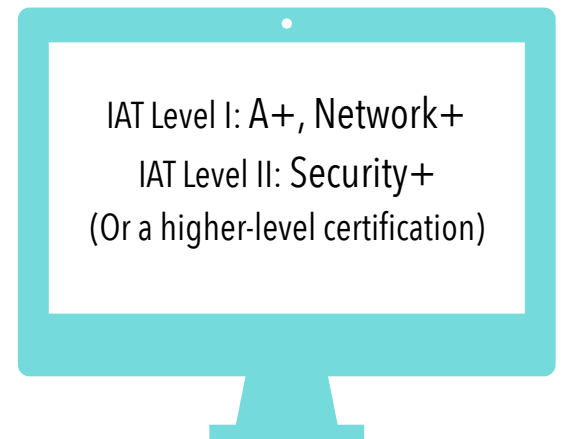
Orion will supply you with a A+ certification study guide book at your request. Additional resources can be found in the Education section of Orion's Online Employee Knowledge Center. We have also found Professor Messer's study guides and videos to be very helpful!

## How do I register?

Go to [comptia.org/home](https://comptia.org/home) to create an account and register for your exam. You may use any other accredited certification site instead, such as TrainACE at [trainace.com](https://trainace.com). Orion will reimburse you for the cost of the exam upon obtaining a passing grade.

## How will testing be affected by COVID-19?

TrainACE will be offering virtual training classes, with a virtual testing option (as long as you have a computer with a webcam), around mid-April. CompTIA is also expecting to offer a remote/home testing option in April, as well as voucher extensions and the option to reschedule your exam.

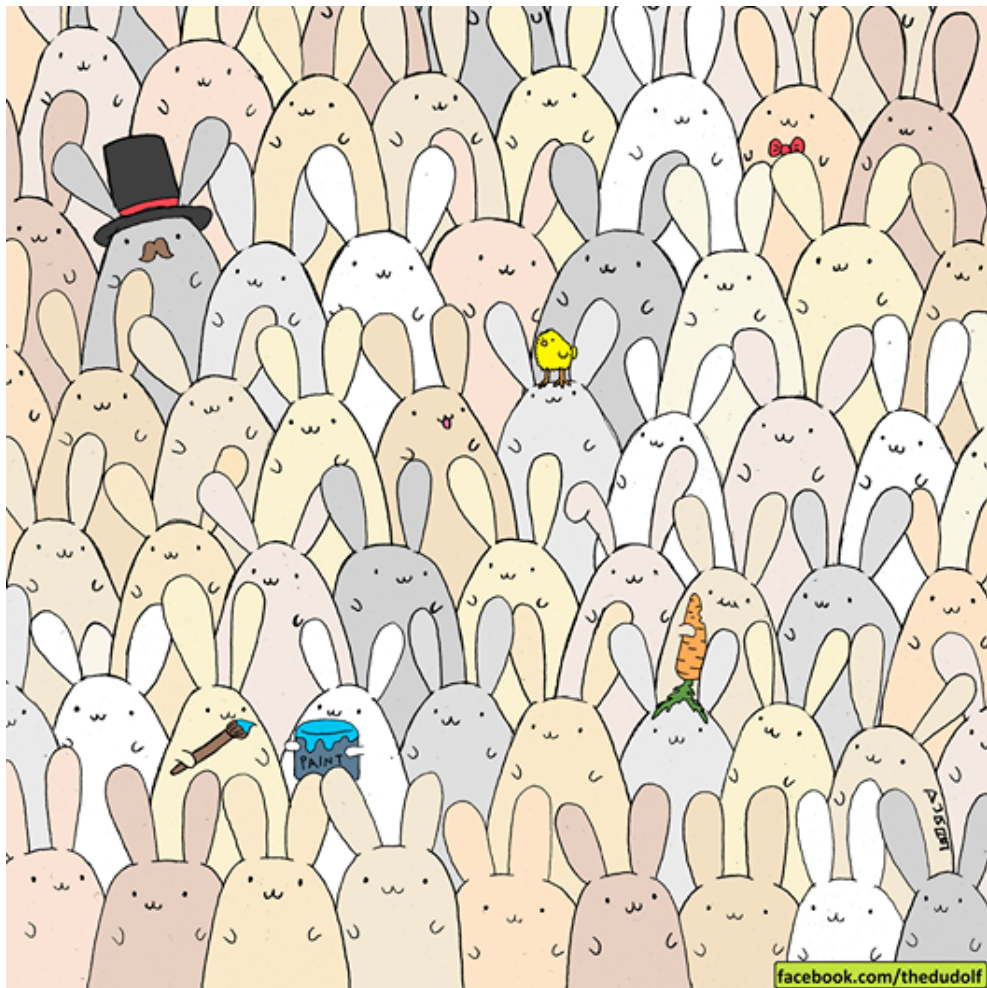


*In addition to your certification, GES employees must complete the following by **May 31st**:*

1. Supply a Computing Environment/Operating System/Security Tool training certificate
2. VUPOINT OIAC1180 - Cyber Awareness Challenge & Certification
3. On-the-Job Evaluation form completed by your Manager

# PUZZLE PERIODICAL

Can you spot the Easter EGG amongst the bunnies in this picture?



Stumped?? Click [here](#) to see the answer!