

# Is Your IT Team Set Up for a Stable Start to 2026?

As your organization starts 2026, your internal IT team faces a familiar pattern. Year-end wrap-ups collide with early-year demand, creating pressure just as the business expects momentum. This 2026 readiness check helps you identify where strain is likely to surface and where co-managed IT can provide support before issues escalate.



## Staffing & Bandwidth

**Determine whether your internal IT capacity can support early 2026 demand without disruption.**

- ✓ Will your current IT staffing realistically cover support, projects, and escalations in early 2026?
- ✓ Are vacations, turnover, or role changes expected to impact coverage in January or February 2026?
- ✓ Is your IT team already stretched between daily support and strategic priorities?
- ✓ Do urgent requests frequently derail planned work?



## Onboarding & Device Readiness for 2026

**Assess readiness for 2026 hiring plans and device needs.**

- ✓ Are new hires or role changes planned for early 2026?
- ✓ Are laptops, peripherals, and licenses staged in advance or ordered reactively?
- ✓ Is your onboarding process documented and repeatable across teams?
- ✓ Do provisioning delays affect productivity at the start of the year?

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## Security & Monitoring Coverage Heading into 2026

**Evaluate security visibility during a high-risk transition period.**

- ✓ Are systems continuously monitored, including after hours and holidays?
- ✓ Are patching and updates enforced consistently across all endpoints?
- ✓ Are security alerts reviewed promptly, or do they accumulate during busy periods?
- ✓ Have phishing attempts or suspicious activity increased around year-end?
- ✓ Is outsourced cybersecurity support needed to assist with governance, compliance or more?



## Compliance & Audit Readiness for 2026

**Identify gaps that may surface during early-year reviews and assessments.**

- ✓ Do audits, compliance reviews, or insurance questionnaires occur in early 2026?
- ✓ Is documentation current, accessible, and audit-ready?
- ✓ Does your IT team scramble to gather evidence when requests arrive?
- ✓ Are compliance responsibilities clearly owned and tracked?



## Project Backlog & Priority Alignment for 2026

**Understand whether deferred work will block early-year progress.**

- ✓ Were key initiatives postponed with the intent to revisit them in 2026?
- ✓ Do support demands regularly delay improvement projects?
- ✓ Is there clarity on what must happen in Q1 2026 versus what can wait?
- ✓ Do leaders understand the tradeoffs impacting IT delivery?



## 2026 Planning & Operational Visibility

**Assess whether your IT function can move from reactive to proactive in 2026.**

- ✓ Is there a clear IT roadmap for 2026?
- ✓ Are roles between internal IT and external partners clearly defined?
- ✓ Do you have visibility into support, security, and project status?
- ✓ Would co-managed IT support reduce pressure without replacing your internal team?

**Early 2026 pressure is predictable. Instability is not. If several of these questions raised concerns, co-managed IT may be the missing layer that helps your internal team stay focused, supported, and effective as the year begins.**

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If you want an outside perspective on your 2026 readiness, CorSystems can help you evaluate where co-managed IT fits into your plans.



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