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# OCIS Security Newsletter

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## Working From Home with Security in Mind

Working from home is now our new reality, which means protecting University data is more important than ever.

The basics: enable the firewall on your computer, ensure your computer has anti-virus software, keep your computer up to date with patches, and use a VPN connection!

To learn more, [click here](#) and [here](#). Please remain aware and vigilant! Happy computing!

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## Area 1: COVID-19 Phishing Outbreak

Amid a world-wide pandemic, internet adversaries capitalize on fear. Area 1, a renowned cybersecurity company that specializes in phishing, released a webinar that covers phishing scams regarding COVID-19.

[The webinar](#) covers how to identify the characteristics of a COVID-19 phishing attack and key attributes that makes them effective. Learn more at the [National Center for Disaster Fraud \(NCDF\)](#).

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## Security Awareness Training Test Requirement

## Laptop Encryption Status



It is not enough for your laptop to be encrypted, we must have documentation and proof of encryption in the event your laptop is lost or stolen.

OCIS is responsible for keeping documentation on the encryption and security of all laptops accessing patient data.

If your laptop does not have a tag like the one above, we may not have a record of it. Please bring your laptop to OCIS immediately for a laptop security check.

**REMEMBER: If you have an unencrypted laptop or unencrypted USB flash drive and are using it at the school, contact OCIS as soon as possible!**

***Failure to do so is a violation of HIPAA and University policy.***

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## Phishing

OCIS receives a lot of messages from users asking, "Is this message legitimate?"

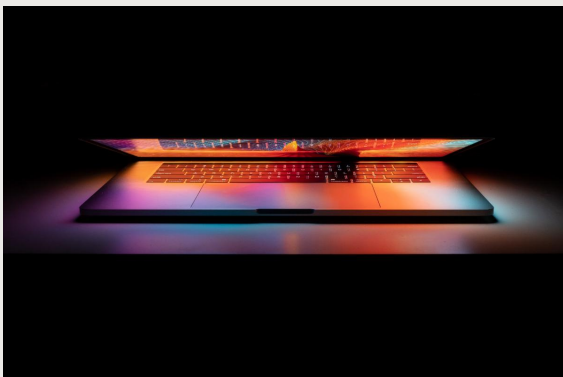
If you believe the email you have received is a phishing email, check the UNC Phish Alerts at [its.unc.edu/phish-alerts/](https://its.unc.edu/phish-alerts/).



When it is time to take your [Security Awareness Training](#), you will receive an email from Information Technology Services with the subject "Security Awareness Training" and a return address of [noreply@unc.edu](mailto:noreply@unc.edu). There will be instructions in the email.

To access and complete the training, log in to Connect Carolina. Select "Self Service" and the "Useful Links" tile. There will be a link to the new Security Awareness Training.

Questions? Contact the ITS Service Deck at (919) 962-4357.



[Click here for the Security Awareness Tip of the Day](#)

To report a new phishing email, forward any phishing messages that you encounter as an attachment to [phish@unc.edu](mailto:phish@unc.edu). To receive feedback about a suspected phishing message, email your question to [security@unc.edu](mailto:security@unc.edu).

For an explanation of how to forward an email as an attachment [please read the following article on help.unc.edu](#).

[To learn how to better spot phishing, click here.](#)



## Password Managers

ITS is working on something exciting regarding a University-wide password manager. Stay tuned!

## HIPAA Security Incident Update

The Adams School of Dentistry has gone **56** days since the last reported HIPAA security incident.  
**Please stay vigilant!**

**Archives**  
[Click here for prior issues and topics.](#)

Remember, it is your personal responsibility to protect patient data (e.g., electronic Protected Health Information) on laptop computers and portable media devices (e.g., CD/DVDs, USB keys, USB drives and SD cards). In all cases, patient data can never be stored on a portable computing or media storage device unless it has been inventoried, encrypted and approved by OCIS.



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