

POSSIBILITIES

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Texas A&M Information Technology

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

Stay on Alert!

Online Scammers are actively trying to steal your identity, compromise your accounts or infect your devices. Texas A&M IT works tirelessly to protect campus and keep you safe.

Read this issue to learn more about campus IT security initiatives and tips on how you can defend yourself against cyber attacks!

Tell us what you think about this newsletter. Send us an email at tamu-it-coms@tamu.edu.

Secure Your Season and Block Phishing Attempts!


Start Your Season


Texas A&M Information Technology is launching a campus-wide IT security campaign for National Cyber Security Awareness Month. This year's security game, Football Fever, features an Aggie football theme, where players will battle SEC opponents by correctly identifying phishing attempts. Sack the cyber attacks and take the Aggies to the championship! Fall for too many online scams and you'll have a losing season.

Complete the five-minute game to score a *FREE Blue Baker iced coffee* and be entered to win one of two Apple Watches! The road to the championship begins at security.tamu.edu. Are you up for the challenge?

Play Football Fever
security.tamu.edu

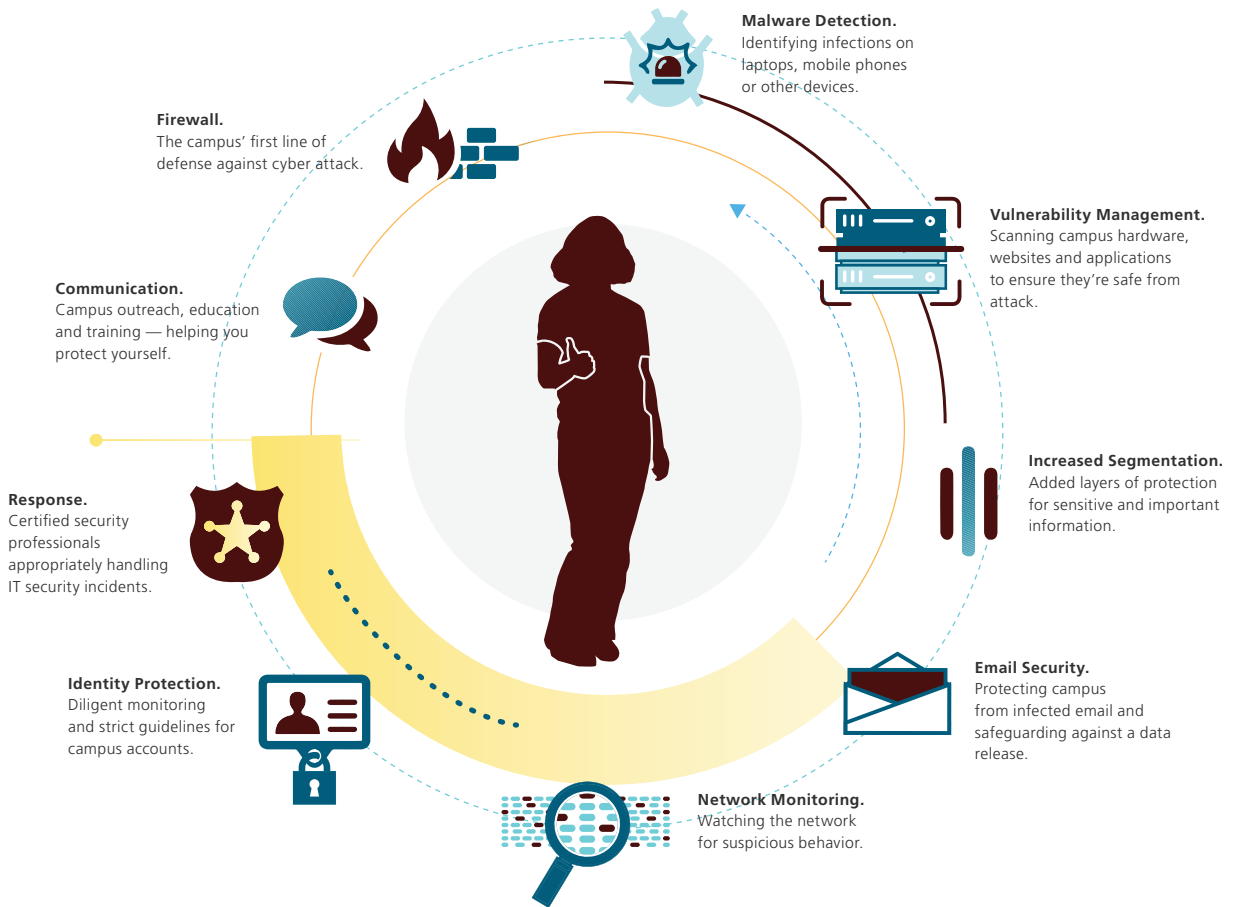


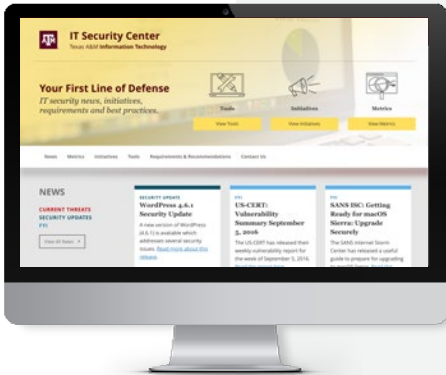
Score a FREE iced coffee
 when you BTHO Cyber Scammers

GET IN THE LOOP

YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

A strong IT security program is full-featured and all encompassing. Texas A&M IT works diligently to protect campus members, their information and their devices. To learn more about Texas A&M security initiatives and statistics, visit ITSecurityCenter.tamu.edu or view the State of Security report at u.tamu.edu/stateofsecurity.





New Website Highlights Campus IT Security Metrics, News and Initiatives

Texas A&M IT recently launched a new IT Security Center website — ITSecurityCenter.tamu.edu.

The website contains a wealth of IT security information:

- Relevant security news
- Live reports on campus metrics
- Links to campus security tools
- Requirements and best practices
- Quickly report a security incident

The site is targeted to campus IT Professionals, but anyone with a NetID and password can get a sense of the amount of work required to protect the Texas A&M campus from cyber attacks.

IN ONE DAY, CAMPUS IT SECURITY...

**ANALYZES
& TRIAGES**



**20,000±
SECURITY EVENTS**

BLOCKS
10 MILLION
SOURCE-BASED
ATTACKS



MONITORS



**120,000
MAILBOXES**

**240,000
ACCOUNTS**



BLOCKS
5.8 MILLION
MALICIOUS EMAILS



**190,000
DEVICES**

PROTECT YOURSELF

Don't Let Down Your Guard

Top 3 Tips When...

...receiving a financial call.

- 1 Don't give in to threats to do something now.
- 2 Remember, your bank will never ask for your password or other personal information on the phone.
- 3 Contact the business directly for details with contact information you know to be accurate.

...shopping online.

- 1 Make sure the URL has an **S** (<https://website>) and double-check the browser bar for a lock symbol.
- 2 Dedicate a credit card to online purchases.
- 3 Don't purchase things on public wi-fi.

...banking online.

- 1 Don't use a debit card for online purchases.
- 2 Set up alerts to notify you when money leaves your account.
- 3 Don't click links in bank emails — type in the URL.

For more tips on keeping yourself, your work and your devices safe, visit security.tamu.edu.



ADD AN EXTRA
LEVEL
OF **SECURITY** TO YOUR
NETID

Verifying your identity using a second factor (like your phone or other mobile device) prevents anyone but you from logging in, even if they know your password.

Enroll today at gateway.tamu.edu/duo-enroll/

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