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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!

FOOTBALL FEVER
Secure your season

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?
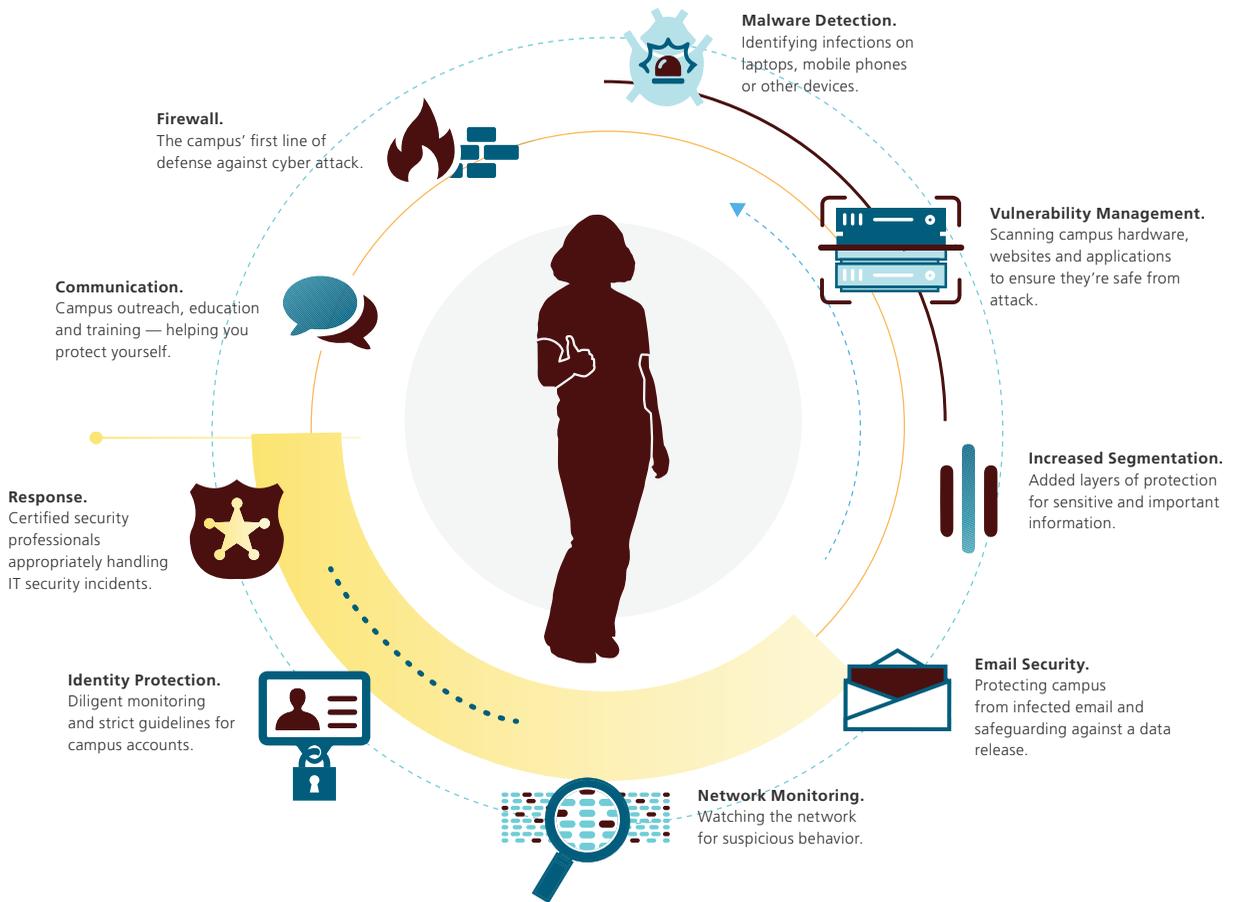
Play Football Fever
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when you BTHO Cyber Scammers

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 intiatives and statistics, visit **ITSecurityCenter.tamu.edu** or view the State of Security report at **u.tamu.edu/stateofsecurity**.

Malware Detection.
Identifying infections on laptops, mobile phones or other devices.

Firewall.
The campus' first line of defense against cyber attack.

Vulnerability Management.
Scanning campus hardware, websites and applications to ensure they're safe from attack.

Communication.
Campus outreach, education and training — helping you protect yourself.

Increased Segmentation.
Added layers of protection for sensitive and important information.

Response.
Certified security professionals appropriately handling IT security incidents.

Email Security.
Protecting campus from infected email and safeguarding against a data release.

Identity Protection.
Diligent monitoring and strict guidelines for campus accounts.

Network Monitoring.
Watching the network for suspicious behavior.

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

190,000 DEVICES

BLOCKS
5.8 MILLION
MALICIOUS EMAILS

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/