



Introducing ProtectUs - Systemwide Cybersecurity Initiative

To: All Campus
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Colleagues,

In February 2024, President Drake sent a letter to all University of California chancellors detailing cybersecurity enhancements to be implemented by June 2025. The Office of Information Technology has spent the past several months planning our response to these requirements, including budgetary estimates that were submitted via the campus budget call process for awareness and transparency. As we begin to move forward with implementation, we will be organizing this work under our recently announced ProtectUs campaign, a campus-wide engagement effort to socialize cybersecurity best practices.

The impacts of these new requirements will require a cultural shift in the way we conduct our work and interact with campus technology resources. While there are several directives articulated in President Drake’s letter, three will have a significant impact to the campus community and will be the focus of our communication and outreach efforts this academic year. Those requirements are:

- 1. Ensuring 100% cybersecurity training compliance for all university employees, including student employees
- 2. Ensuring all devices connected to university networks can be associated with a specific individual and are free of critical vulnerabilities
- 3. Ensuring Endpoint Detection & Recovery (EDR) software is present on 100% of university-owned computing devices

In the coming weeks, we will be providing additional information on each of these requirements and our planned response. If you would like more information, we have established a project website that will be updated regularly. Throughout the fall semester, I will be conducting an extensive outreach campaign to engage with academic senate and campus leadership for awareness and feedback as we progress toward compliance.

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and our program this year will be organized around the ProtectUs campaign, so watch OIT’s space in the Monday Memo for more information. We will be announcing a variety of activities in the coming weeks, including two town halls that will provide additional information and a forum for questions and dialogue:

- October 14 @ 1 - 2 p.m. via Zoom
- November 1 @ 1 - 2 p.m. via Zoom

Wishing you a productive and successful academic year - thank you for your efforts to protect and safeguard the data entrusted to us.

Sincerely,

Nick Dugan
Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer