Plymouth State University offers a wide range of computing services to students, including wired and wireless access to the internet. In order to protect your computer and your data, anti-virus software is critical. **A fully licensed and up-to-date anti-virus software is required to connect your computer to the PSU network.** **Computers with out-of-date anti-virus definitions will be denied network access.** Trial anti-virus software does not meet PSU network requirements.

There are many ***free*** anti-virus software packages available online for computers running Windows®. Three highly recommended free programs are:

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| http://www.free-av.com/images/logo-avira.jpg | **Avira® Free Anti-Virus** | C:\Users\njshippee\Desktop\Capture.JPG |
| http://www.wallingdata.com/corporate/images/logos-vendors/avast-logo-w-tag-med.png | **Avast!® Free Anti-Virus** | C:\Users\njshippee\Desktop\Capture.JPG |
| http://www.pc-spec.com/images/AVG-logo.jpg | **AVG® Free Anti-Virus** | C:\Users\njshippee\Desktop\Capture1.JPG |

More information about ratings can be seen at *http://www.av-comparatives.org*

You can download and install the above antivirus programs at:

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| Avira® Free | *http://www.free-av.com/* |
| Avast!® Free | *http://www.avast.com/eng/download-avast-home.html* |
| AVG® Free | *http://free.avg.com/* |

Following are procedures and policies of the Computer Repair Center and PSU concerning Antivirus use on campus.

* When a personal computer is first connected to the PSU network via a wired connection, their computer's antivirus status will be verified.  If not accepted by our server, recommendations will be made to the student. The Bradford utility also needs to be installed.
* In previous years, PSU has used McAfee antivirus and provided this application free to students. The University previously required that student systems have PSU's version of McAfee antivirus installed in order to access the network on campus. As of August 2009, PSU still requires an up-to-date antivirus but no longer requires that it be McAfee. Without an updated antivirus program, network access will be denied.
* Existing PSU students who continue to use PSU’s version of McAfee will continue to have access to McAfee updates until approximately June 30, 2011.
* While the PSU version of MacAfee is no longer available for install or reinstall on students computers, there are plenty of free antivirus software applications available for student use.  The helpdesk has researched several of these free products and is suggesting Avira, Avast and AVG to students who request information.  We no longer provide the PSU version of McAfee for installation (even if trying to repair an existing PSU-McAfee program).
* If you have a new computer with a 60 or 90-day version of an antivirus program, it will need to be removed before one of the recommended free versions is installed.
* A computer should not have 2 or more antivirus programs installed as they will conflict with each other.
* The Computer Repair Center will install Avira antivirus program for Windows computers and Clamx for Macintosh computers.
* If the Computer Repair Center is imaging a student computer, the customer is responsible for installing any licensed antivirus program. As a convenience, the customer can provide this to us (media and license code) for us to install.  If a customer has purchased a licensed copy of an antivirus program for installation, any other antivirus program will need to be removed first.
* If a customer does not have their licensed antivirus installation media or license code available, the Computer Repair Center staff can install the free version (Avira or Clamx) as a temporary solution until you locate your subscription antivirus program. Again, without an approved antivirus program, network access will be denied.