Important Antivirus Software Change: Sophos is being replaced

If you are an Alverno faculty/staff member or student who has Sophos antivirus software that was provided by Alverno installed on your personally-owned computer, you need to uninstall Sophos and install a different antivirus software program as soon as possible. While Alverno's Sophos license won't expire until 4/29/2014, we have already stopped installing software updates on our server and, once our license actually expires, our server will stop receiving new virus definition updates from Sophos. Listed below are Tech Services' recommendations for other free antivirus software tools you might use instead.

Tech Services has decided to replace Sophos with Microsoft's System Center Endpoint Protection (SCEP) for all campus computers. We are changing tools for several reasons:

- Microsoft's SCEP tool is included for College-owned computers at no additional cost in our existing campus agreement;
- Alverno won't need to pay for Sophos anymore (saving thousands of dollars each year);
- Tech Services believes the Microsoft SCEP tool will work as well (or better) than the Sophos software we've been using.

Recommended FREE antivirus/spyware/malware software for home use:

Operating System	Recommended software	Where to get it
Windows 7 or earlier	Microsoft Security Essentials	http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security-essentials-download
Windows 8 or later	Windows Defender (or visit the Windows Store to search for other free tools)	Comes pre-installed with Windows 8.1. Run Windows Update to upgrade to v 8.1 if you have Windows 8.0
Macintosh	Avast, ClamXav, or Sophos Antivirus for Mac	Reviews of these tools and links to download them can be found at http://download.cnet.com/mac/antivirus-software/

Microsoft provides additional tips for protecting your personal computer from malicious software. Please see http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-8/how-protect-pc-from-viruses for details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Service Desk via email at helpdesk@alverno.edu or by calling 382-6700.

Thank you,

Tech Services