ISU Special Announcement
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Multi-factor authentication for Office 365 coming soon

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) for Indiana State University Office 365 will become mandatory for all campus faculty, staff, and student employees. Roll out will begin soon.

The Office of Information Technology is adding a layer of security - Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) - to Office 365, which includes Outlook (email) to help protect you from phishing attacks aimed at compromising your username and password.

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a security enhancement that requires two forms of verification when logging into your account and adds critical protection for user sign-ins and transactions. You likely already use MFA to access your bank account at an ATM (swipe your bank card + enter your PIN) and online accounts (enter your logon credentials + a numeric code sent to your phone).

The deployment of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for Indiana State University Office 365 accounts is in response to a dramatic rise in the scope and sophistication of phishing, spear phishing and malware attacks that are targeting our faculty, staff and student employees. The high rate of compromised credentials associated with these campaigns is an acute threat to information security at Indiana State University.

OIT will work with individual departments to roll out this new layer of defense over a number of weeks; we hope to deploy it by the end of December 2018. Watch your email for more information from the Office of Information Technology about the schedule for your department.