

Dear Dunlop BioSci Faculty and Staff,

In today's academic environment, protecting our research data, intellectual property, and personal information is paramount. Recent cybersecurity incidents across higher education institutions highlight the growing sophistication of threats targeting university systems and personnel.

To that end, in following up on the campus' recent communications, we ask that you please strengthen our cybersecurity posture with ZotDefend, a comprehensive security solution designed to protect university devices and data from malware, ransomware, and other cyber threats.

**\*\*What ZotDefend does:\*\***

- Provides real-time threat detection and prevention (Trellix FireEye)
- Provides vulnerability management (Tenable Nessus)
- Blocks malware and viruses (Microsoft Defender)
- Provides software patch deployment, application updates, and endpoint management (BigFix, JAMF, Intune)
- Provides security posture assessment and network access to protected campus systems (Cisco Secure Client, Duo Desktop)

**## Required Installation**

All BioSci faculty and staff are required to install ZotDefend on **university-owned** compatible devices with **enforcement beginning on May 18<sup>th</sup> for access to select campus systems such as KFS and DocuSign**. This does not apply to mobile devices or personally-owned devices.

**## How to Install ZotDefend:**

For installation, please use:

- [Windows installer](#) (Click the Download button in the top right corner and after the download completes, unzip the zip file. Double click BigFix-BES-Client-10.2.52.exe for the downloaded installer and follow the installation steps.)
- [Mac installer](#) and instructions
- Linux installs will be self-service for [EDR](#) and [Tenable](#) Nessus

The installation typically takes less than 5 minutes. Please email us at [bcshelp@uci.edu](mailto:bcshelp@uci.edu) if you have any questions or need any assistance installing.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in implementing this important security measure. Together, we can create a more secure environment for our teaching, research, and administrative activities.

Thanks for your cooperation,

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