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To: NMSU community  
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This notice is to make you aware of a massive ransomware attack targeting many organizations around the world. It has been seen in at least 99 countries today. The ransomware is automatically scanning for computers that have not been patched. It can infect other non-patched computers on the same network automatically. Be aware that these attacks could also affect your personal and home computers. It is not widespread in the United States yet, but experts are expecting it to spread quickly.

The ransomware virus called "WannaCry," is being spread by taking advantage of a Windows vulnerability. Microsoft released a security patch for it in March, but computers that have not been updated are at risk. The exploit is part of collection of NSA spy tools that was leaked last month.

What is Ransomware? Ransomware locks down all the files on an infected computer and asks the computer's administrator to pay in order to regain control of them. To prevent this attack, please patch your windows machines and turn on automatic updates if possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [norma@nmsu.edu](mailto:norma@nmsu.edu) if you have any questions regarding this notice.

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