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There are many fewer viruses available for the Mac than there are for Windows PCs. For the most part, when you hear about serious viruses reported on the news or through the campus email system, you can safely ignore those that directly mention PCs or Windows in the description.

SEE ALSO:

[What is a Computer Virus?](#)

[What is Spyware?](#)

However, there are a few dangerous (yet rare) Mac viruses out there, so it is important that you keep the Norton anti-virus definitions on your system up-to-date (the Mac version of Norton Anti-Virus should have been installed when you first came to Rhodes and connected your computer the campus network).

In addition, such as is the case with Windows PC users, you should not open email attachments sent from people you do not know. Just be very sure that you know what an email attachment is and who sent it before opening the attachment.

If you need the Norton Anti-Virus software re-installed on your system, please contact the ITS Helpdesk at helpdesk@rhodes.edu or x3890.