

One question IT was asked as DAR prepared for COVID-19 remote operations, can staff use their personal/home computers to work remotely. The answer is yes you can, under the following guidelines.

Before you continue reading, DAR IT manages things on your UGA issued device that will not and cannot be made available on your personal device. This includes things like DAR file shares and licensed software.

The use of personal computers is within scope of UGA's computer usage policy and it indicates those personal devices must meet the same minimum security standards as UGA owned devices. That usage policy can be found here: https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/pols_regs/policies/aup/.

The minimum security standards policy can be found here: https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/pols_regs/policies/minsec_networked/.

The security standards the device must meet are as follows:

- 1) Device must have all security updates applied within 2 weeks of them being released. So you must be applying Microsoft, MacOS, and any other security patches regularly.
- 2) Device must have malware/antivirus operational and up to date
- 3) Device must utilize a software firewall if it is available. Windows by default has its firewall on, so unless you disabled it, it should be on and up to date. MacOS has a firewall but is not on by default.
- 4) Device must have access control, meaning a password or other authentication process (biometrics, finger print, etc..). If a password is the authentication method, it must comply to UGA's password construction and management policy: https://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/pols_regs/policies/passwords/password_standard/
- 5) Devices must not operate as an unauthenticated email relay or proxy service. Not a concern for most home devices.
- 6) Device must have unnecessary services disabled. Not a concern for most home devices.

If your device meets these requirements, feel free to utilize your personal device.

Please feel free to contact me at jeff.garmon@uga.edu if you have questions.