Dear DFA employees,

Three years ago, OIT Security began a monthly phishing awareness campaign for all campus staff. Since then, a monthly simulated phishing message is distributed to campus. If you interact with the message, a webpage with tips on how to identify phishing attempts is displayed. This is intended to be a learning experience, as research suggests that frequent, interactive phishing awareness activities are one of the best ways to help individuals protect themselves against malicious emails.

A recent report from OIT Security showed 5% of DFA individuals who received the awareness phishing email in February 2021 clicked on the link; and in June 2021, 17% clicked on the link—a 12% increase. If you suspect you have received a phishing email, do not respond to it, or click on the link(s). Report it to security@uci.edu and then delete it.

Learn what to look for by exploring phishing awareness resources at UCI Learning Center (UCLC) and the Information Security website.

Sincerely,

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