

# Anti-Virus Options

*This information is presented as general purpose suggestions and the effects may differ on each device or based upon specific updates done to each device. The County of York assumes no liability to unintended results this may have on your specific device and will not assist in any issues that may arise from implementing these tips. This is not an all-inclusive list of all software options available, simply a partial list of some options for the reader to further research for what might work best for them.*

## FREE Resources

You may be wondering why any company would want to offer free antivirus. Generally they fit into one of three categories. Most common is they offer their product on a less common platform (like for your phone) in the hopes that you will purchase their paid product for PC or Mac. The second is they offer a limited software package in the hope that you'll upgrade to their full product. The third is from your ISP (Internet Service Provider). Viruses and malware generate many support calls to these organizations and use large amounts of bandwidth, so it is in their best interest to keep your devices free of viruses. You will get more features and support from paid programs, but if you are unwilling to pay for an anti-virus program, please use one of the many free alternatives listed below.

If you are a Cox Customer

<https://www.cox.com/residential/support/internet/cox-security-suite-plus.html> (PC, Mac, and Android)

If you are a Verizon Customer

<https://www.verizon.com/support/residential/internet/essentials/internet-security-suite-download> (PC and Mac)

MalwareBytes

<https://www.malwarebytes.com/>

Microsoft

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=5201>

AVG (PC, Mac, and Android)

<https://www.avg.com/en-us/homepage#pc>

Avast (PC and Android)

<https://www.avast.com/en-us/index#pc>

Sophos Home Free

<https://home.sophos.com/download-antivirus-pc>

Norton Security and Antivirus (Android Google Play Store)

McAfee Mobile Security (Android Google Play Store)

Avira Antivirus Security 2018 (Android Google Play Store)

## **PAID Resources**

Symantec

[http://www.symantec-norton.com/default.aspx?par=goog\\_us5409610128\\_symantec&gclid=Cj0KCQjwiJncBRC1ARIsAOvG-a5FUVw8e8Y1oMUFrRkqX5-DXPuLimgAWeMGP22Tw\\_TPApfLmnef\\_MaAlsEEALw\\_wcB](http://www.symantec-norton.com/default.aspx?par=goog_us5409610128_symantec&gclid=Cj0KCQjwiJncBRC1ARIsAOvG-a5FUVw8e8Y1oMUFrRkqX5-DXPuLimgAWeMGP22Tw_TPApfLmnef_MaAlsEEALw_wcB)

Sophos Home Premium

<https://home.sophos.com/download-antivirus-pc>

Trend Micro

[https://www.trendmicro.com/en\\_us/forHome.html](https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/forHome.html)

CrowdStrike

<https://www.crowdstrike.com/>

Kaspersky Lab

<https://usa.kaspersky.com/>

McAfee

<https://www.mcafee.com/en-us/index.html>

Panda Security

<https://www.pandasecurity.com/usa/>

Cylance

[https://www.cylance.com/en\\_us/home.html](https://www.cylance.com/en_us/home.html)

Malwarebytes Premium

[https://www.malwarebytes.com/lp/sem/en/premium/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwiJncBRC1ARIsAOvG-a6ksknQx9Ya09ViD1rl1kbYB2dsg3nab-8uPcDFXwDBh5qM1Vb1434aAtRoEALw\\_wcB](https://www.malwarebytes.com/lp/sem/en/premium/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwiJncBRC1ARIsAOvG-a6ksknQx9Ya09ViD1rl1kbYB2dsg3nab-8uPcDFXwDBh5qM1Vb1434aAtRoEALw_wcB)

## **iPads and iPhones (iOS devices)**

At the time of this writing, Apple does not allow anti-virus programs on their iOS devices. This is by design, as iOS devices utilize sandbox technology, which creates safeguards between programs interacting. This prevents an anti-virus program which would need to interact with all programs and

also stops how most viruses would expand from one program to another. You can read a more detailed article on this here: <https://www.tomsguide.com/us/iphones-dont-need-antivirus-software,news-23111.html>