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Flip Your Spring Break Sunny-Side Up

T-minus three weeks 'til spring break—get ready to stay safe

Brrr! In the midst of chilly February, look to the light at the end of the tunnel—spring break is just around the corner! Here are some quick travel tips to keep your info private:

1. **Avoid public Wi-Fi.** Public Wi-Fi is insecure and easy to hack. If you plan to connect in public places like restaurants, airports, and hotels, do so using [PittNet VPN (Pulse Secure)](#). Otherwise, spring for a few extra gigs of data; it'll be worth it.

2. **Change your passwords.** Before you go and when you get back, change your passwords. You can use [Pitt Password Manager (LastPass)](#) to generate unique passwords and lock them up.

3. **Don't broadcast your whereabouts.** It's tempting to post on your IG and snap stories that you're out of

town, but hold off until you get back to post vaycay pics. This way, you aren't telling people that your house has been left unattended.

4. **Download security software.** Pitt IT provides you with free [Antivirus (Symantec Endpoint) and Anti-Malware (Malwarebytes) Protection](#) that you can use to keep your devices secure.

5. **Keep an eye on each other.** When you travel with friends, stick together. If you separate, know where they're going and when they'll be back. The [Rave Guardian app](#) (*see next article*) lets you monitor their location and alert the authorities if needed.

[Get started today by downloading free security software on your devices ...](#)

Download Free Security Software

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Rest Assured with the Rave Guardian App

Walking home from studying? Going out on your own while traveling with friends? The Rave Guardian app helps keep you safe by putting your security into your own hands! The app allows you to set safety timers, so your

friends and family can monitor your location on your way home and contact local authorities if needed.

Rave Guardian also lets you chat live with Pitt Police, make one-touch emergency calls, and access tons of health and safety resources. It even works outside of Pittsburgh, so it's a spring break must! [Read more about the features of the Rave Guardian app ...](#)

Learn More About Rave Guardian

NEW FROM THE PANTHER BYTES BLOG

Tech Life Hacks, Social Media Smarts, Less Common Office 365 Apps

1. [Tech Hacks That Will Change Your Life](#)
2. [5 Office 365 Apps More Low-Key Than Reylo](#)
3. [7 Tips for Game-Winning Social Media](#)

Read the Panther Bytes Blog

TECH TIP

Survive Group Projects with Collaboration Tools

The most dreaded time of the year is upon us ... Group Project Season. Keep your team on track, plan ahead, and collaborate with Office 365. Here are some helpful apps that can save you this season:

1. **Planner.** Create project plans and assign tasks to different group members, track progress, and keep organized.

2. **Whiteboard.** This is great for brainstorming and planning. Group members can collaborate in person or remotely. It's better than a physical whiteboard because you can upload and save content.

3. **Sway.** This is a really easy way to generate aesthetically pleasing, professional presentations. You just add in text, title, audio, image, and visual cards, and then Sway creates your presentation!

[Check out more Office 365 apps ...](#)

Use Office 365

RESOURCES

Phishing Scams Exploit Coronavirus Outbreak

Stay alert! Scammers are increasingly using current events and health scares in order to get users to click on malicious links. We have seen them using the coronavirus outbreak and political campaigns to reel users in. Pay close attention to emails, text messages and social media posts that sound urgent and include links to sites you don't recognize! Visit official government, Pitt, and campaign websites directly for real information.

Read More About This Phishing Alert

Summer Enrollment is Now Open

It's time to register for summer courses! Use Pitt PS Mobile to search for the classes you need, plan your summer schedule, and enroll in right classes for you.

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