

ITS ALERT – Accellion Inc. Data Security Incident

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We are currently investigating a data security incident involving our former third-party vendor, Accellion, Inc. Yeshiva University was one of many higher education institutions impacted by the vulnerability in Accellion's file-sharing application.

Upon learning of the incident, we took the Accellion platform offline and launched an investigation. Additionally, the University discontinued our use of Accellion. Though we are still in the process of investigating the nature and scope of this incident, we have learned that an unauthorized party exploited the Accellion vulnerability to steal certain university files, some of which may have contained personal information.

We are working to identify the files that were stolen from the Accellion application and to notify the individuals whose personal information may have been accessed by the unauthorized party. The University has confirmed that this incident is limited to the Accellion application and there has not been any unauthorized access to Yeshiva's computer systems.

We have become aware that this unauthorized party has contacted some members of our community claiming that information may have been compromised. If you receive such a communication, please do not respond, open any attachments, or click any links. Please immediately forward the communication to [infosec@yu.edu](mailto:infosec@yu.edu).

Ensuring the security of university-related information is one of our highest priorities and the University is approaching this matter with the utmost seriousness. We appreciate your patience as we take the necessary steps to resolve this incident. We will provide further updates as they become available.

Thank you,

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