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Microsoft Corporation is expected to unveil Windows 10 on July 29.

Through a shift in the company's traditional business model, Microsoft plans to offer the operating system upgrade free to authorized users for a limited time.

The Commonwealth Office of Technology, however, would like to remind all agencies that Windows 10 is not an approved enterprise standard. Our agency is evaluating Windows 10, and will work with managed agency technical staff to create an appropriate upgrade path going forward.

Computers currently managed by COT should not receive the upgrade prompt from Microsoft.

Please discourage employees from downloading Windows 10 upgrade, as it could prevent computers or applications from working properly. Should employees choose to download from a third-party website, they run the risk of installing viruses and malware that can cause costly downtime.

We also recommend that all state non-managed agencies consider blocking or setting up internal processes for evaluating and rolling out Windows 10.