

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO:** GeorgiaFIRST PeopleSoft Financials Users

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**SUBJECT:** GeorgiaFIRST Financials Application Access from Virtual Private Network (VPN) Only

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In response to the [Apache Log4j vulnerability](#), ITS implemented several security safeguards to protect the GeorgiaFIRST Financials application. These safeguards help keep external threats from gaining access through that vulnerability while measures are put into place to mitigate the specific threat.

One of the safeguards ITS implemented was blocking access to the application from general connections via the web without an approved VPN connection. The application is still accessible from remote locations, however for now it is only accessible through the institution's VPN.

At this time, ITS requests all GeorgiaFIRST Financials users connect to their institution's VPN prior to accessing the GeorgiaFIRST Financials application. We regret any inconvenience this may cause and will provide additional updates and guidance if the situation changes.

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