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CU Non-Production Data Center move slated for early May [1]



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University Information Services will relocate the University of Colorado's non-production data center starting at noon Thursday, May 2 and finishing by 10 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

Unlike the P01 Data Center Move in October 2023, this data center move should only affect those who work in non-production environments, mainly UIS, OIT, and campus staff who set up and test processes in non-production. Students, faculty and most staff will not be affected.

All non-production applications will be unavailable for the cold-cutover implementation window.

Add the non-prod DCM to your calendar [3]

Why is the move necessary?

The current non-production data center is leased by the State of Colorado in a space leased from Flexential in Aurora. The state is ending its lease and consolidating its data center services into a state-owned space in Lakewood.

Since our non-production data center is in the state's location, we must vacate before the lease ends. CU's non-production data center will remain in the same building where it currently resides, in a different space leased directly from Flexential. However, all CU's equipment must be moved to a different area, requiring a cold shutdown.

How will this implementation window affect students, faculty and staff?

Students, faculty and most staff should experience no impact. We anticipate no interruption to normal university business operations. All production services will be available throughout the implementation window.

Staff who work in non-production environments should add the non-prod data center move to their calendar [3]and be aware that non-production applications will be unavailable starting at

noon Thursday, May 2 through 10 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

How is a non-production data center different from a production data center?

A non-production data center houses non-production environments, which you may know as development, test, sandbox or stage environments. When a non-production data center is moved, testing and updates are paused, but normal business operations are not affected.

Production applications refer to live and operational applications. When a production data center is moved, as CU experienced in October 2023, the production applications cannot be deployed, and most business operations cannot be performed until the data center move is completed.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Contact the UIS Service Desk at help@cu.edu [4] or 303-860-HELP (4357).

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