Free Antivirus and Adware Remover (For windows)

This document will give instructions on the downloading and use of two free softwares: AdwCleaner and Malwarebytes to aid you in removing viruses and adware on your Windows computer.

AdwCleaner

- 1. Navigate to <u>https://toolslib.net/downloads/viewdownload/1-adwcleaner/</u> and click the download **Download Now** button at the top right.
- 2. The download should automatically start. If it doesn't automatically start, there will be a link that says **Click here!** to manually download the program
- 3. Run the program & accept the terms.
- 4. A window will appear with the AdwCleaner GUI. Click the **Scan** button.

WARNING! Save and close all work prior to this, as this program will automatically restart your computer after the clean is done.

- 5. Once the scan is complete, the option to **Clean** will be available. Click this button and wait for it to clean. Once it finishes cleaning and you press **OK**, your computer will automatically restart.
- 6. Once your computer restarts, a text document will pop up. You can just close this document.

Malwarebytes

- 1. Navigate to <u>https://www.malwarebytes.org/</u> and click on the orange **Free Version Download** button on the left hand side of the screen.
- 2. The download should automatically start. If it does not automatically start, there will be a link that says **Download Now** to manually download the program.
- 3. Run the program and go through the installation wizard. There should be a handful of steps to run through. In the middle of the set-up you will want to uncheck the box that says "Enable free trial of Malwarebytes Anti-Malware Premium"
- 4. After the installation is complete, the program will automatically start. Click the **Fix Now** button which will update the software and then scan the computer for viruses.
- 5. Once the scan is complete, click the green **Apply Actions** at the bottom right hand side of the screen.
- 6. Re-run both programs until no more infected files are found.

Note: If your computer is too infected to download or run either programs, complete steps 1-2 and save the file onto a flash drive. Then transfer it to the infected computer to complete steps 3-6.