Checking if Windows Defender is active in Windows 10

Option 1:

In your System tray click on the ^ to expand the running programs.

If you see the shield your Windows Defender is running and active.



Option 2:

Go to start and select "Settings"



Step 1: select "Update and Security"

Windows Settings					
		Find a setting		Q	
旦	System Display, sound, notifications, power		Devices Bluetooth, printers, mouse		Phone Link your Android, iPhone
	Network & Internet Wi-Fi, airplane mode, VPN	Ą	Personalization Background, lock screen, colors		Apps Uninstall, defaults, optional features
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Ģ	Ease of Access Narrator, magnifier, high contrast	م	Search Find my files, permissions	0	Cortana Cortana language, permissions, notifications
A	Privacy Location, camera, microphone		Update & Security Windows Update, recovery, backup		

Step 2: Select "Windows Security"



Step 3: Look for "Virus & thread protection"

Windows Security

Windows Security is your home to view and and health of your device.

Open Windows Security

Protection areas

Virus & threat protection 0 No actions needed. Account protection R No actions needed. (Firewall & network protection No actions needed.



App & browser control No actions needed.



Device security No actions needed.

If "Virus & threat protection" is not enabled, please do so if you wish.