

**To:** Montgomery College Community  
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Good afternoon. I hope everyone made it safely through the storm.

I realize that some recent guidance from the state and the county about openings has been confusing, so I want to share the county executive's [latest executive order](#) as of 12 noon today. This order recaps and updates some general requirements and provides specific detail to businesses:

- gatherings of more than 50 people are still prohibited;
- fewer than 50 people may gather, provided they practice social distancing (200 square feet per person);
- face coverings continue to be required on public transportation;
- face coverings are required in public spaces where consistent social distancing is not possible; and
- alcohol cannot be served after 10 p.m. at restaurants or bars.

Sports and fitness centers, personal services, outdoor religious gatherings and malls are subject to specific requirements, so if you plan to visit one, I encourage you to look closely at the continued restrictions. The coronavirus is still highly contagious and our community needs everyone's participation to limit its spread.

On a positive note, a special virtual event this Saturday has a wealth of support for parents. MC's annual Single Parent Conference tackles academics, finances, managing stress, and creating clear parenting goals. Although originally designed for those parenting without a partner, the closure of in-person classes for MCPS and the College's remote operations have positioned many parents in a tight juggling act. Managing workflow while caring for children has stretched many of us beyond our capacities. I suspect there is something for everyone at this free online seminar, which draws expertise from highly successful single parents who are ready to share their wisdom. Although it's free, [registration is required](#). I will be there and hope to learn some valuable strategies as well!

I hope you are having a safe and productive week.