

**To:** Montgomery College Community

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Good afternoon, Raptors.

Although few of us are coming on campuses these days, that doesn't mean that hard work isn't being done. Ever since April, College Offices of Facilities, Public Safety, as well as our ever-vigilant Coronavirus Advisory Team have been working out what our campuses would need to protect people in face-to-face settings. Although we don't know exactly when a return to campus will take place, it hasn't stopped the work from progressing.

To give you a sense of what that looks like, I visited the Rockville Campus to take a look. I hope you will join [my video tour](#) of special adaptations to our spaces. If you have questions about the video, please consider addressing them to the Conversation with Leadership inbox, for response on December 10: [resilientmc@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:resilientmc@montgomerycollege.edu).

As Montgomery County continues to record elevated numbers of COVID-19 infections, please [get a test](#), if you need one. The state and the county have both tightened restrictions on businesses and numbers in gatherings, so check for updates before you travel. Some areas may be restricting outsiders to control community spread. The county is making it clear that gathering outside of your current household increases transmission rates. Their [guidance](#) suggests celebrating virtually with those who are not currently in your household. This is a tough ask for Thanksgiving, but it could protect someone among your family or friends. Asymptomatic transmission is a reality that we cannot ignore.

As we approach December, I am sure you have heard that MC Learn goes offline on December 5, which will allow its content to be moved to Workday. It will be back up and functioning by December 18. Once the transition is complete, everyone will have access to their full professional development history from MC Learn. Please visit [Workday at MC](#) for important information about this transition, training, as well as the remaining project phases and timeline.

My update message this Friday will be my last before Thanksgiving, so we will take a break from all but urgent communications during the week of November 23.