

To: Montgomery College Community

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Good afternoon. In today's [videoblog](#), I share some thoughts on the strengths of open education week and a social justice program that launches today.

As you may know, the College is waiting for direction from Montgomery County on any changes to public health guidelines. Even as some public spaces are relaxing their restrictions, masking is still mandatory in all parts of Maryland on public transportation, in indoor facilities, and in public where you cannot easily practice social distancing. Let's not let down our guard too soon. Only 10 percent of Montgomery County residents have been fully vaccinated.

If you have not yet been vaccinated and are eligible, you can [register](#) for the vaccine easily. You can also sign up to [receive texts or emails](#) from the county about updates to vaccine processes and availability. We are all hopeful after President Biden's message last night about vaccine availability, but let's continue to exercise caution so that we don't end up reversing progress.

Have a safe and healthy weekend.