

To: Montgomery College Community

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Good afternoon. There are several pieces of good news to start off the week: Applications for student emergency funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) are open. Students should be directed to the [application](#) on the MC website. Even students who are not eligible for Pell grants—and some who were not eligible for assistance this fall—may qualify for this funding if their family income has changed. Please pay close attention to the directions on the site so that no one misses an opportunity to get assistance for which they are eligible.

I hope you saw this morning's [message](#) from MC's Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management that a COVID-19 vaccination site will open on MC's Germantown Campus this Wednesday, March 31. The county and the state health departments are the primary facilitators, with the College serving as the host facility. Montgomery College employees and students must [register for vaccine appointments](#) through the same process that other residents do—they will not receive special priority for vaccination. If you have questions about the [safety of vaccines](#), please read the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's explanation of COVID-19 trials and efficacy.

Finally, voting for 2021-2022 governance representatives begins today and is open through next Friday, April 9. All employees who are eligible to vote should have received a link in their email this morning. Governance is a wonderful way to have a voice in College decision-making, so please cast your vote for representatives.

Stay safe and have a wonderful week.