

To: Montgomery College Community
From: Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President
Subject: **Student Emergency Aid, Vaccines, Town Hall (Update #164)**
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Good afternoon, Raptors.

Student emergency aid is flowing with \$1.4 million disbursed to MC students so far and another \$1 million being processed. There is still funding available, so please remind students of this resource. This round of funding has \$5.5 million for students, who can apply for [emergency assistance](#) through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). More than 2,700 students have already done so.

Yesterday, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) updated its guidance for fully vaccinated people, given the rising number of people in this category. There is new guidance on masks as well as gatherings in outdoor/indoor settings. The Montgomery County Board of Health voted yesterday to [loosen some restrictions](#) on activities, based on the number of county residents who have received one shot (52 percent) and those that have received two (35 percent). Please see the county site for details, but remember that face coverings and social distancing are still required. Since the state of Maryland is strongly encouraging vaccination for those who are eligible, students and higher education employees have some special appointment priority at certain sites—listed in Monday’s MC Communication. There are [many options for vaccination](#) now—even some drive-throughs and walk-ups—so please take advantage. An additional [University Day](#) was just added in Baltimore, where MC employees and students over 18 years old can be vaccinated.

As the county moves closer to fuller engagement in social and educational activities, there will naturally be more questions about the College’s next steps. I will respond to any questions on May 18 in my Town Hall meeting, but the deadline to submit questions is May 12 to ResilientMC@montgomerycollege.edu. That same day is the deadline for students to reply confidentially to the Community College Survey of Student Engagement ([CCSSE](#)). The more the College knows about the student experience of remote learning, the better we can serve them and promote success.

Thank you for your input.

