

**To:** Montgomery College Community  
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Good afternoon. Well, today's temperatures make it feel like summer is already here. I hope you can stay cool today.

As always, I'm sharing some resources for students who may still have financial need due to COVID impacts. Such students can apply for support through the [American Rescue Plan](#). Please spread the word that Maryland Dreamers, DACA students, and international students studying under an F1 visa (and some other visas) are also now eligible to apply. This week begins a new support group for students who want to proactively manage the stress we have all experienced during the pandemic. The Student Health and Wellness Center for Success (SHaW) will be hosting the free [student support group](#) beginning Thursday, June 10 and running through July 15. Please share this information with students so they can tackle mental health issues that can impede success and diminish potential. For those in need of food, there will be a [Mobile Market](#) on the Rockville Campus this Wednesday, June 9.

The good news on COVID metrics countywide continues with trends reflecting wider vaccinations and more awareness of health protocols. As of today, all of the COVID-19 surveillance metrics registered "low" or "very low" on [transmission of the virus](#). Our efforts are paying off. If you or someone you know [still needs a vaccine](#), they are widely available. The mass vaccination site at our Germantown Campus has now administered more than 61,000 shots. I am pleased to share that the College is now officially part of the [White House's COVID-19 College Challenge](#), as we work to encourage vaccination among eligible students. I was thrilled to see how many colleges and universities are already joining the effort.

As our health conditions improve we are simultaneously progressing in our Return to Campuses efforts. The forums continue in which employees and students can ask questions about procedures. New [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) are being updated as questions arise, so please consult there as well for information relevant to our return. The next virtual forums are [June 10](#) and [June 17](#) (registration is required). Another special forum for supervisors is being hosted [June 15](#).

