

To: Montgomery College Community

From: Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management

Subject: **COVID-19 Infection Reported on Takoma Park / Silver Spring Campus**

Date: November 9, 2020

Good afternoon.

On Thursday, November 5, 2020 Montgomery College was notified of an employee at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus who tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 occupying a contained area of the Cafritz Arts Center. Campus facilities staff had disinfected the spaces occupied by the employee prior to the reported case.

Human Resources is aware of the case and will provide guidance and support to the affected employee. All employees should continue to monitor their own health and report potential illness in accordance with the [COVID-19 Interim Requirements for On-Site Work document](#) (PDF). The College's priority at this moment is to inform anyone who may have had direct exposure to this person, so that they can follow up with proper health protocols.

For contact tracing purposes anyone in close contact with this person may also be reached by the state or Montgomery County Dept of Health and Human Services (DHHS). They will be asked to quarantine for 14 days, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Anyone who receives a call from "MD COVID" or 240-466-4488, please answer the phone so that contact tracers can provide further directions.

As we know, the Coronavirus is highly contagious and can be very serious. If you have symptoms of the virus, please contact your health care provider. The College continues to work diligently to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus while holding a very small number of in-person classes. For more details on what precautions are in place, please visit MC's [Coronavirus page](#). For information on how to report an exposure to COVID-19 please contact MC's Office of Public Safety at PublicSafety@montgomerycollege.edu.

Further questions about this incident can be referred to MC's Coronavirus Advisory Team at publicsafety@montgomerycollege.edu. Montgomery County's DHHS can also be reached at 240-777-0311. If you need a COVID-19 test, [please see this schedule](#) of testing sites in Montgomery County.

Please remember, frequent hand washing, wearing face coverings, and practicing social distancing are proven deterrents to the spread of the virus. Please continue to use these methods and maintain awareness of communications from Montgomery College if you are coming to a campus regularly.

As we continue this journey with COVID in our midst, please watch for communications from the College's Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management for health information on our campuses about which students and employees should be aware.