

**To:** Montgomery College Students

**From:** Dr. Charlene M. Dukes, Interim President

**Subject:** **Vaccination**

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Greetings, Raptors! I am writing to share important information about health and safety at Montgomery College.

Montgomery College will require verification of COVID-19 vaccination by **January 7, 2022**, for all students taking classes in the spring 2022 semester.

The medical and science data clearly show that vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, and we all have a duty not only to protect ourselves but also to protect those around us. Getting the shot is a way to tell your family, friends, and fellow students that you care about them. Students who do not submit verification of their vaccination will be required to apply for a medical or religious exception. Students with these two exceptions will be required to be tested weekly for coronavirus and submit their results in order to access onsite classes and services.

Make no mistake: We want you back on campus. Many students are already back on campus this fall. Of course, many students are taking online classes as well. All our classes offer the same high-quality experience, whether on campus or online, but you need to be prepared for the future. Whether you plan to transfer or go directly into the workforce, you will very likely be required to be vaccinated. At this time, students taking a fully online schedule of classes with no need for in-person services at an MC campus or site will be exempt from the vaccination and testing requirement. However, the requirement becomes effective in order to access any onsite class or service.

Information on how to submit your vaccination verification or exception requests will be announced by October 15. In the meantime, if you are already vaccinated, thank you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to be vaccinated, please do so soon, remembering that some vaccines require two doses. If you have questions about vaccination, please take time to learn. See the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [COVID vaccine information](#), and check the [College's COVID-19 webpages](#) for updates. You may also send questions to [PublicHealth@MontgomeryCollege.edu](mailto:PublicHealth@MontgomeryCollege.edu).

Thank you for choosing Montgomery College for the education that will change your life. Best wishes for success in all your classes this semester.