

To: Montgomery College Community

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Subject: Eating and Drinking in Classrooms

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The [Montgomery College Faculty Handbook](#) addresses the issue of eating and drinking in classrooms. While it states that eating and drinking are not permitted, prior to the pandemic, many instructors realized that work schedules and family demands left little time between classes and jobs to eat. They permitted students to eat in classrooms. Eating and drinking is **not** permitted in labs and other spaces with special equipment or health and safety concerns.

Circumstances, however, dictate that we must put health and safety first and prioritize the protective feature of masking, and thus prohibiting eating in classrooms.

Eating in socially distant common spaces is still allowed and all should utilize this space during classroom breaks and in-between classes.

If an individual faculty or staff member has a particular problem enforcing said policy, that individual may request the help of the campus Public Safety Office. Please call 240-567-3333.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Stay Safe.