

To: Montgomery College Employees, Supervisors, and Onsite Contractors

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Subject: COVID-19 Update

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Welcome back Raptors! As we begin the academic year, our focus continues to be the health, safety, and well-being of our College community. This message includes updates and reminders about COVID-19 protocols and guidelines based on updated federal and local guidance, issued over the past two weeks, from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health.

- **Masks:** wearing a mask remains a requirement in classrooms including laboratories, learning centers, and other instructional spaces. As a reminder, masks are a significant defense against the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses. At this time, we continue to recommend wearing a KN95 mask while indoors for added protection. We continue to review our mask requirements and will update by October 3, 2022.
- **Testing:** effective immediately, and in accordance with updated CDC guidance, weekly screening testing of asymptomatic people without known exposures will no longer be required by the College for students and employees, regardless of vaccination status. However, to safeguard the College community students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to continue to self-monitor and take a rapid COVID-19 test or visit one of our on-campus testing sites to protect yourself and your colleagues to help maintain a safe and healthy College community. If you test positive, you should not return to campus, and you should [isolate per CDC guidelines](#).
- **Vaccination:** At this time MC continues to expect students to be vaccinated and encourages students to upload their vaccination information. Students are not dropped from registered classes for not uploading their vaccination information. To date, we continue to see over 90 percent of students upload their vaccination information. Currently, Employees are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

To provide a safe and healthy environment, Montgomery College strongly encourages everyone in our Raptor community to receive COVID-19 boosters when eligible, to continue to stay home if you are feeling sick, and to utilize hand sanitizer and wipes. The Montgomery County Health Department continues its partnership with the College and has vaccination and testing locations at the Germantown Campus (Bioscience Education Center-BE) and the Rockville Campus (Counseling and Advising Building-CB). All campus vaccination and testing sites remain open to students, employees, and the general public. The operating schedule is subject to change, so

please check [here](#) for operating schedule. Additionally, the Montgomery County Health Department's Dennis Avenue Health Center and the Angarai Testing Center are two testing and vaccination locations open in Silver Spring to support the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. Please check [here](#) to identify a testing and vaccination site nearest you.

Again, thank you Raptor community for your effort to continue to do your part in keeping us all safe.

The College will continue to monitor current conditions and guidance from public health authorities. As health conditions evolve and change, the College may adjust protocols and directives accordingly. I encourage everyone to keep abreast of current information via the [COVID health guidance webpage](#). Please direct questions to PublicHealth@montgomerycollege.edu.