

**To:** Montgomery College Community

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**Subject:** Commencement and New Planning Documents

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Good afternoon. As the College continues with its ninth week of emergency remote teaching, learning, and working, we are also cognizant of the future. Today I'm sharing two documents that capture some of planning that the College has been doing, even while we continue our emergency remote operations. We all realize that the pandemic has been unpredictable—Montgomery County, for example, is still under a stay-at-home order, while Governor Larry Hogan has lifted restrictions in many parts of Maryland. That said, we envision a day in which teaching, learning, and working is phased back to some face-to-face status.

To that end, I have been working closely with MC's Coronavirus Advisory Team, senior leadership team, the President's Executive Council, and several internal College groups of faculty, staff, and students, to lay the groundwork for our transition plans. The result has been two planning documents, one focused on operations, [Resilient MC: A Roadmap for College Operations Post COVID-19](#) and another on protecting ourselves, [MC COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan](#). I hope you will review them in advance of tomorrow's remote Conversation with Leadership, in which I will respond to questions along with the College's four senior vice presidents. I encourage you to participate and to visit the new [Resilient MC webpage](#) on Thursday, when an additional list of Frequently Asked Questions will be posted.

Finally, I hope to see you all on screen on Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m., which is the MC 2020 commencement. Our very first virtual one, I guarantee it will be special. Congratulations, graduates. You have weathered an extreme semester and we could not be prouder of you!