

**To:** Montgomery College Community

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Good afternoon. In my [videoblog](#) this week I draw your attention to a few important happenings from the week. First of all, Dr. Charlene Dukes was confirmed by the Board of Trustees as MC's interim president. I know the College will be well served by her astute leadership during this transition.

Hard work continues to move the College's personnel and physical spaces into top readiness. According to our primary local metrics, the coronavirus is at a very low risk of transmission, due in part to [local vaccination rates](#). As of today, 59 percent of residents are fully vaccinated and 66 percent have received one dose. In addition to many statewide vaccination sites and [MC's Germantown Campus site](#), a special vaccine event will be held tomorrow, Saturday, June 26, on the [Rockville Campus](#).

As you know, some of the College's health protocols are changing on July 1, so please keep yourself informed at the College's website under [Return to Campuses](#) and in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) sections. Recordings of the employee forums are posted in the [Employee Guidance](#) section. The College continues to closely monitor local health conditions and respond quickly to any concerns. The next student forum on returning to campuses is scheduled for [June 28](#). Registration is required. Submissions to the student's FAQs can be sent to [studentaffairs@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@montgomerycollege.edu).

On a final note, I want to thank everyone who joined the virtual farewell event last night and expressed their affection for me and their continued commitment to the College. I could not be more proud to have been a part of Montgomery College's journey over the last 11 years. As I step into my next chapter, I know that the dedication to student success that exists at every level of the College will not diminish. I am inspired to carry some of the lessons from MC's success to my leadership in Nevada. I look forward to seeing many of you down the road as we continue to empower students to change their lives.

Take care and be well.