

To: Montgomery College Community

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Good afternoon.

In the midst of this busy week, I hope you are finding time to pop into one of the [Humanities Week](#) events. Our virtual status makes this trip easier than ever. As we approach our presidential election next week, I am reminded of how important humanities are to our understanding of civic engagement. Early voting continues throughout the week in Montgomery County at these [locations](#).

Free COVID-19 [testing](#) is also available through the county. Montgomery County health officials are urging residents to be tested, so that they can more closely track the spread of the coronavirus. Maryland is experiencing a spike in positive tests which usually means that transmission rates are higher. Please continue to follow health precautions such as masks, social distancing, and hand-washing, even as we embark on increased social activity, including election activities. The county's [home-based testing](#) and human services screening is also available for eligible residents.

Finally, I hope you will tune into the [budget forums](#) on Thursday and Friday and hear questions answered from your colleagues and students. As we focus on strategic enrollment and cost cutting, I encourage you to follow these conversations closely. Each of us has a role to play in strengthening the College's positive impact on students and our community.

Even as the question box is closed, the budget forum mailbox will remain open for suggestions and comments at budgetforums@montgomerycollege.edu.