

To: Montgomery College Community
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Subject: **Student Messages and Face Coverings Required**
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Welcome to Friday. We have made it through another week. As promised, my [video blog](#) has some messages from those of you working, teaching, and learning remotely. I love hearing about your experiences—the highs and the lows—and what you are doing to get through these challenging times.

In case you missed it, Governor Larry Hogan issued an [executive order](#) yesterday requiring Marylanders to wear cloth face coverings on public transportation and in stores, beginning tomorrow. So, if you are in public for essential services—pharmacies, grocery stores and medical appointments—you must wear a face cover. If you need to make one, you can find some [easy instructions](#) here. The College is distributing face coverings to those employees who have to be on campuses for operations like safety and security or emergency maintenance. The governor's message reiterated that preventative practices, which include physical distancing and staying at home, should still be followed. If we're limiting the spread of this virus it's because we're complying with the health guidance being disseminated, so let's not let our guard down.

Have a safe and healthy weekend.