

To: Montgomery College Community
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As we prepare for end of year closing activities, I am writing with health reminders of precautions we can each take to remain healthy and safe. The Office of Public Health and Environmental Safety continues to monitor the number of confirmed COVID-19 PCR positive cases on all College campuses and locations, in the County, and the region. Although the County's overall hospitalization and ICU bed utilization numbers remain lower over the last few weeks, our monitoring shows an increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases within our College community. As we celebrate the year-end and prepare for the summer, **the College's masking requirements remain unchanged.** However, I strongly encourage that everyone:

- **Wear a mask** while walking through common spaces and hallways or meeting with others in offices or shared spaces;
- Remain vigilant with **proper hand washing, and disinfecting**;
- **Stay home if you are not feeling well**, and complete the daily health assessment before arriving on campus; and
- **Stay up to date on vaccinations**, including receiving the booster on schedule, to reduce the severity of a COVID-19 infection if you contract the virus.

The College is making at-home rapid COVID-19 test kits available for free (one kit per person), and they can be picked up at the Public Safety offices on the campuses and at the Central Services Public Safety Desk. One kit contains two tests and are available, while supplies last. Also, KN95 masks are still available at these locations.

Our partnership with Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (MCHHS) remains in place supporting testing and vaccination locations at the Rockville and Germantown campuses. Initial vaccinations and booster shots are available through these clinics on the campuses. For more information or to schedule an appointment, access the [MCHHS website](#)

My thanks to everyone in the Raptor community for doing your part to keep us all safe. Please direct any questions to PublicHealth@montgomerycollege.edu.