

Memorandum

To: Montgomery College Community

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Subject: Updates on Dr. Pollard, University Days, County Vaccine Metrics, Town Hall

Date: May 3, 2021

Good afternoon. As many of you know, Dr. Pollard's father passed away unexpectedly last week, and she is spending this week in Chicago with her family. She appreciates the many messages of sympathy that she has received. Since she has had inquiries about memorial contributions, she asks that they be directed to the <u>P. Paul Pollard Generational ACES</u> <u>Scholarship</u> by selecting the dropdown box with his name under "Scholarship Fund."

Dr. Pollard will communicate personally about her professional transition next week upon her return. During this week, she has asked us to continue communicating with the College about details related to COVID conditions and supports for students and employees.

There are five upcoming sites on the <u>University Days</u> vaccine schedule. These are priority scheduling days for higher education students and employees, so please take advantage of these opportunities. There are also open appointments at the <u>MC Germantown Mass</u> <u>Vaccination Center</u> this week. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to update its guidance on COVID-19 vaccine safety, so if you have questions about the vaccines, please consult the latest CDC data. Montgomery County is progressing with 37 percent of residents fully vaccinated, and 53 percent having received their first shot. These numbers bode well for containing COVID-19 and minimizing further infections. Please visit the county site for more detail on how <u>restrictions are loosening</u> in some spaces. Masks and social distancing are still directed by health protocols.

This Wednesday, the Rockville Campus will host a <u>Pop-Up Pantry</u> at 2 p.m. The Town Hall remains on the schedule with questions for Dr. Pollard open until May 12; please send those questions to <u>ResilientMC@montgomerycollege.edu</u>. While there is change on the horizon, there is also consensus that the College faculty, staff, and administrators have a broad and deep commitment to our mission and will continue to serve students and our community with purpose. We appreciate your patience and continued dedication to the College.