

As thirty-five-year resident of Montgomery County and a regular voter, I would like to notify the council of my full support of the resolution to adopt a vaccine verification mandate in the county. My family is fully vaccinated and boosted, but we are still hesitant to visit restaurants, shops, gyms, entertainment venues, etc., because of our concern that others have not been as conscientious. We would be much more apt to visit these places and support our local businesses if we knew that the relatively small but still sizable portion of county residents and those from other places who are not as conscientious were prevented from entering. Even with our own vaccination statuses, we still have to fear breakthrough infections from Omicron and other present and future variants. Many of my family members have visited New York City over the past few months, and already have the city's proof-of-vaccination apps, but we would gladly add a specialized app for Montgomery County if one is needed.