

I am a Montgomery County resident and voter and am writing to express my opposition to the proposed County Council resolution to require individuals to show proof of vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 to enter restaurants, fitness centers, and certain other places of business. I think it is a violation of a person's fundamental right to privacy to require an individual to disclose private health information like vaccinations as a requirement to enter a public place of business. Moreover, the proposal seems entirely futile at this stage in the pandemic. If the goal is to encourage residents to become vaccinated, Montgomery County already has an extremely high vaccination rate. If the goal is to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, it has become clear that Montgomery County's high vaccination rate has not prevented many people from becoming infected with the coronavirus.

An individual restaurant or other business can determine on its own whether it would be beneficial to require proof of vaccination as a condition to entry, and people can decide for themselves if they prefer to dine at a restaurant or otherwise patronize a business that requires proof of vaccination.

Please vote against this intrusive and pointless resolution.

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