

# **VPN FAQs**

### What is a VPN?

VPN is an acronym that stands for *Virtual Private Network*. It allows you to create a secure connection to Montgomery County Government's network over the internet.

#### What will I need?

You can use any computer running Windows 10 or above, or a Mac running OSX/MacOS. You must also have an active internet connection.

## Are mobile devices supported?

The County VPN supports mobile devices running Android and iOS.

#### What software will I need?

- Anti-virus software such as Windows Defender that has current virus definitions. If you are using a non-County
  provided machine, note that VPN supports most modern anti-virus software.
- Any modern browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari). Internet Explorer is no longer supported.
- Software for PC/Mac will be installed from the VPN server on first login. You can also get the *Ivanti* app from the App Store or Google Play Store for mobile devices (optional).

## Where do I request VPN access?

Request the VPN form from your IT Department or the Helpdesk (240-777-2828 or x72828). Your manager will need to fill out the form and submit the request to the Helpdesk on your behalf.

## **How do I get to the County VPN?**

Windows devices go to: https://secure.montgomerycountymd.gov or https://secure2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mobile devices go to: https://secure.montgomerycountymd.gov/mobile or https://secure2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mobile Mac devices go to: https://secure.montgomerycountymd.gov/mac or https://secure2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mac

Log in with the same username and password you use at your workstation.

## How do I get help if I'm having problems?

Call the County IT Helpdesk at 240-777-2828.