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RESOURCE CENTER

Connecting the Community

During COVID-19



# What We Do

We welcome County residents, helping them build life skills and informing them about resources that can help them lead successful lives in Montgomery County.

At the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center, you can:

- Obtain information and referrals to services and resources offered by community organizations and County programs.
- Strengthen life skills by taking classes in:
  - English, basic computer skills, and U.S. citizenship preparation.
- Volunteer your services to help immigrant communities thrive in Montgomery County.



# CONNECTING YOU WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES DURING COVID-19!



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**Call the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center at 240-777-4940  
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

## **Call Us for Help Finding:**

- Food Assistance
- Health Care and COVID-19 Testing
- Information on housing and eviction concerns
- Organizations that can answer questions about immigration
- FREE or low-cost legal assistance, job training, and more

## **Call Us To Learn About:**

- Free and low-cost online English, Computer and Citizenship Preparation classes

**We are ready to help you in your language.  
All voicemails will be returned.**

[GilchristCenter@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:GilchristCenter@montgomerycountymd.gov)

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Gilchrist](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Gilchrist)

Join us: [www.facebook.com/GilchristImmigrantResourceCenter](https://www.facebook.com/GilchristImmigrantResourceCenter)

# Gilchrist Center Virtual Classes

## General Information:

- All classes are taught using Zoom platform
  - Training on Zoom may be available
- Open to Montgomery County residents ages 18 years and over
- See Gilchrist Center website for class schedules, etc.
  - [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/programs\\_and\\_services.html](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/programs_and_services.html)

# Registration-Based Classes

CLASSES	REQUIREMENTS
1) English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)  2) Citizenship Preparation  3) Basic Computers  4) Financial Literacy and Workforce Development Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sessions: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter</li><li>• Must fill out an online registration form.</li><li>• Space is limited. Registration is first-come, first-served.</li><li>• Free or low-cost</li><li>• Must be Montgomery County resident</li></ul>

# Drop-In Classes

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<p data-bbox="84 475 733 532">CONVERSATION CLUB</p> <ul data-bbox="25 582 1205 1375" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="25 582 1205 704">• Practice speaking English in an informal setting with the help of an instructor.</li><li data-bbox="25 746 1205 868">• Learn new vocabulary and meet new people.</li><li data-bbox="25 911 1205 961">• Use your computer or phone.</li><li data-bbox="25 1003 1205 1196">• See link below for class times and Zoom links. Click on the class link at the beginning of class to join the conversation!<ul data-bbox="114 1232 1205 1375" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="114 1232 1205 1375">• <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/Resources/Files/Winter%202021%20Online%20Conversation%20Classes.pdf">https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/Resources/Files/Winter%202021%20Online%20Conversation%20Classes.pdf</a></li></ul></li></ul>	<ul data-bbox="1274 461 2466 1118" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1274 461 2466 518">➤ Ongoing classes</li><li data-bbox="1274 618 2466 675">➤ No Registration required.</li><li data-bbox="1274 761 2466 818">➤ Informal setting, facilitated by instructor.</li><li data-bbox="1274 918 2466 975">➤ Join as often as you like.</li><li data-bbox="1274 1075 2466 1132">➤ Free!</li></ul>

# Increasing access to computers & internet

- ❑ **Phoenix Computers** provides refurbished (used) computers at **low cost** to low income and disabled individuals and families. Call us at 240-777-4940 for a referral.
  
- ❑ **The County can help you see if you qualify for free or low-cost Internet.** Visit:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/obp/low-cost-internet.html>
  
- ❑ **Montgomery County Public Library Programs:**
  - ❑ "Internet To Go": MiFi Mobile Hotspot lending program  
(<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/internet-to-go.html>)
  - ❑ FREE outdoor public WiFi at over 10 locations  
([https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=32538](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=32538))

# Montgomery County COVID-19 Website

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19)

Vaccination information

How to get tested

Useful links

The screenshot shows the Montgomery County COVID-19 Information Portal. At the top, the URL is [countymd.gov/covid19/news/index.html](http://countymd.gov/covid19/news/index.html). The header features the Montgomery County Government logo and the text "MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT COVID-19 Information Portal". To the right of the header are icons for a warning, email, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and a search bar. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with the following links: Home, News & Info, COVID-19 Vaccine, COVID-19 Testing, Reopening, Data, Orders & Directives, Get Help, and Get Involved. Underneath the navigation bar, there are language options: Amharic / አማርኛ, Chinese / 中文, French / Français, Korean / 한국어, Spanish / Español, Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt, and Translated resources. The main content area is titled "News & Information" and is divided into three columns. The first column is "Press Releases" and contains two items: "Montgomery County Alcohol Beverage Services Launches 'Amplify Black Voices' Program" and "Montgomery County COVID-19 Economic Revitalization and Recovery Live Town Hall on Friday, Feb. 5, Will Focus on How Businesses Can Prepare for Spring and". The second column is "COVID-19 Newsletters" and contains three items: "Montgomery Update: We all are ready to get vaccinations—we just need more of them (1/28)", "Montgomery Update: We Are Ready to Distribute Vaccines—We Just Need More Doses (1/21)", and "Montgomery Update: Distributing Vaccines as Fast as". The third column is "Twitter @MontgomeryCoMD" and shows a tweet from "MoCo Rec @MoCoRec" stating: "Montgomery County Recreation indoor aquatic facilities programs and activities scheduled before 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2". Three red ovals with arrows point to the "Vaccination information", "How to get tested", and "Useful links" text above the screenshot.



# Get Help:

# [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/get-help](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/get-help)

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## RESOURCES FOR:

- Parents and Caregivers
- Persons with Disabilities and Serious Health Conditions
- LGBTQ
- Seniors

## Businesses

- Montgomery County COVID-19 Resources for Businesses
- MD COVID-19 Information for Businesses

Have questions about COVID-19?

[COVID-19 ANSWERS](#)



Call the MC311 Customer Service Center at 311 (or 240-777-0311) for help and information, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., or use MC311 online anytime.

# Montgomery County's COVID-19 Website

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19>

## COVID-19 Vaccines

- All Maryland residents age 12 and up are now eligible to be vaccinated.
- To pre-register for a County vaccine site:
  - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>
  - Phone: 240-777-2982.
- To pre-register for a State vaccine site:
  - <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>

## COVID-19 Testing

- To find out where to get a free COVID-19 test:
  - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing.html>
  - Phone: 240-777-1755

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