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**A Message from County Executive Marc Elrich About Distributing the Vaccine
January 14, 2021**



Click on the image to see the video.
Read the letter at [Montgomery Update: Distributing Vaccines as Fast as Possible \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/govdelivery.com)

Vaccine and Priority Group Information Website

For detailed answers to questions about COVID-19 vaccinations in Montgomery County, please visit the County's [Vaccine and Priority Group Information](#) website. More than 35,000 people have already signed up for [Vaccine Updates](#). You can also by clicking [here](#). See the County's latest [COVID-19 Vaccines Update](#).

A Message from WMATA . . .

WMATA announces systemwide service modifications starting Friday, 1/15 for Inauguration 2021. See more info: <https://bit.ly/2N7CGmi>

MCDOT is Looking for Road Safety Leaders

High school students in Montgomery County can apply to be a Vision Zero Youth Ambassador to gain experience as a leader in their school and community while earning SSL hours, virtual training and incentives. The program will end with Ambassadors creating and executing a safety plan and presenting it to parents and community leaders at a celebration luncheon. The Vision Zero Youth Ambassador Program, is a collaboration between MCDOT and the [National Organization for Youth Safety](#) (NOYS) to encourage youth to have an active role in road safety efforts and improvements.

Learn more at ow.ly/AHsA50D5IH5.

Montgomery County Seeks Feedback on Residents' Demand for Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine January 14 through February 4, 2021

Montgomery County today launched an [online survey](#) to hear from residents and get an informed understanding of how residents feel about taking the COVID-19 vaccine. The survey is not scientific but will help to identify any possible concerns residents may have about the vaccine. With a goal of vaccinating 75 to 80 percent of the community, County employees will use the feedback to address questions and to better reach communities hit hardest by COVID-19 and who have historically been apprehensive about trusting vaccines or medical research. The County plans to incorporate the feedback from the survey into its robust outreach plan and communications efforts to educate the public on the importance of taking the vaccine.

The survey is open from Jan. 14 through Feb. 4, 2021 and is on the [County's COVID-19 vaccine](#) website. The survey is anonymous and is available in the top seven spoken languages in the county. It is also available on the County's Facebook page and Twitter feed. With 12 multiple choice questions, the survey takes approximately five minutes to complete. In addition to the survey being available online, the survey will also be offered to residents at several of the County's COVID-19 testing sites.

Please take the COVID-19 Vaccine Community Survey and share with your networks! Remember, the closing date is February 4 and it should take five (5) minutes. Information is available in 8 languages below (English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Amharic, Korean, Vietnamese, and Farsi).

- **English:** [COVID-19 Community Survey](#)
- **Spanish:** [Encuesta Comunitaria Sobre la Vacuna de COVID-19](#)
- **Amharic:** [የኮቪድ-19 ክትባት የማህበረሰብ የዳሰሳ ጥናት](#)
- **Chinese:** [新型冠状病毒COVID-19疫苗社區問卷調查](#)
- **Farsi:** [نظر سنجی عمومی مونتگمری کانتی برای واکسن کرونا](#)
- **French:** [Vaccin COVID-19 Sondage auprès de la Communauté](#)
- **Korean:** [코로나-19 백신 지역사회 설문조사](#)
- **Vietnamese:** [Vắc-xin COVID-19 Thăm Dò Ý Kiến Cộng Đồng](#)

For the latest COVID-19 updates, visit the County's [COVID-19 website](#) and follow Montgomery County on Facebook [@MontgomeryCountyInfo](#) and Twitter [@MontgomeryCoMD](#). Residents can also sign up to receive text or email updates about COVID-19 vaccinations.

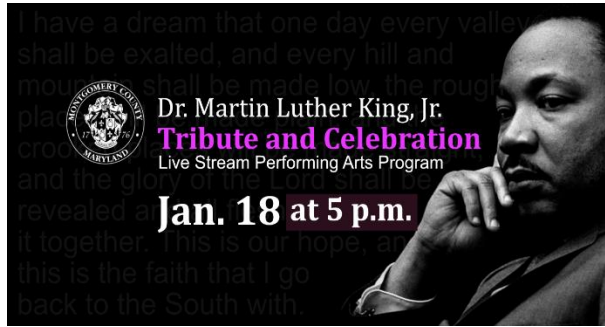
Virtual Community Town Hall with Public Health Leaders Focused on COVID-19 Vaccinations Hosted by the Montgomery County Council Tuesday, January 19 7:00pm

The virtual town hall meeting will be televised on County Cable Montgomery on channels 30 (Fios), 1056 (RCN) and 996 (Xfinity). The meeting will be streamed on Facebook (MontgomeryCountyMdCouncil) and YouTube (MoCoCouncilMd). Residents also can listen to the virtual town hall meeting by calling 240-777-3333.

The Montgomery County Council will hold a virtual town hall meeting focused on the COVID-19 vaccination program in our community. County Executive Marc Elrich will join the meeting along with Montgomery County Deputy Health Officer James Bridgers, Montgomery County Latino Health Initiative Senior Manager Sonia Mora, Latino Health Steering Committee Co-Chair Monica Escalante, African American Health Program Executive Committee Co-Chair Beatrice Miller and other public health representatives.

This town hall will provide the latest information on the vaccine rollout plan in Montgomery County, describe the priority order for vaccinations mandated by the state government based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and give residents a forum to get their specific questions answered directly by public health representatives.

Click [here](#) for registration information and more.



**Montgomery County Honors Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Monday, January 18 5:00pm**

The event, produced by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee and the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, will be available on [County Cable Montgomery](#) at Comcast/RCN Channel 6 and HD Channel 996 or Verizon Channel 30 and [County Cable Facebook](#).

Montgomery County will host the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and celebration in a virtual program, *"In His and Their Own Words: Reflecting Our Past While Forecasting the Future."* It will honor Dr. King's life through dramatic readings, musical and dance performances.

This year's event will include a special greetings and remarks by County Executive Marc Elrich and President of County Council Tom Hucker and introductory program remarks by Director Office of Human Rights James Stowe. Montgomery County Council Members will recite brief excerpts from Dr. King's speeches written in HIS own words as four students share personal letters addressed to "Dear Martin" in THEIR own words. This virtual event will feature an interactive segment that will allow the viewing audience to create MLK-inspired art in real time, while enjoying uplifting thought-provoking performances by Chelsey Green, Dem Raider Boyz, Akhmedova Ballet Academy and many more. As a finale, world-renowned jazz musician and Montgomery County's own, Marcus Johnson will end with a special performance created especially for the 2021 celebration.

Students can earn SSL hours by viewing the celebration and participating in an advocacy and reflection exercise as part of an MLK Week of Service district wide SSL opportunity. More details are available on the [MLK Student Service Learning project page](#). To register for the event and get more information, visit the [event website](#).

County's MLK Day of Service Event Moves to Virtual Platform, Expands to a Week
https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=32495

Maryland General Assembly Convened 2021 Session This Week

- The 2021 Session of the Maryland General Assembly convened on January 13 in Annapolis. The 442nd session will be in session for 90 days and will adjourn on April 12.
- Read [County Executive Elrich's Statement on the Beginning of the Session](#)
- To find your State legislators, visit www.montgomerycountydelegation.com.
- See map of our Legislative Districts [here](#).
- To follow the session's announcements and activities, visit <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/>
- See Montgomery County's Legislative Priorities at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oir/>

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board
Monday, January 25 7:00pm

This will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. To join the meeting with video and/or audio, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81199568889?pwd=YURRNIYzVHhRT0hsalZuQTRtZVFpUT09>
Meeting ID: 811 9956 8889
Passcode: 430929

Topic: “Meeting the Residents of Boyds, Clarksburg and Damascus”

The Board looks forward to hearing what residents of these communities think are priorities, opportunities and challenges.

The public is welcomed at all UCAB meetings!

Note: Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-328-4587 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

41st Annual Women’s Legislative Briefing
Sunday, January 31 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Montgomery County’s Commission for Women will again present their Annual Legislative Briefing and this year’s theme is “Beyond 2020: Advocating with Strength for Equality and Justice.” The plenary session will focus on *Women on the Front Lines during COVID-19*.

Watch for registration details soon at the Commission’s website <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

MCDOT Conducts Transportation Survey For Visually Impaired

The survey is for those who have vision disabilities or are advocates, caregivers or related professionals supporting people who move around the County with reduced vision. Anyone who experiences challenges navigating the built network or works with people with vision or mobility impairments, is encouraged to complete our survey that is available through the end of January. [Learn more](#).

- Take the survey in English tinyurl.com/yxshmbvn.
- Take the survey in Spanish survey.alchemer.com/s3/6135451/Spanish.

Neighborhood Events Matching Funds Program Returns!
Funds are available to help with a neighborhood or community project

Overview: The Montgomery County Government established the Neighborhood Events Matching Funds Grant Program (NEMF) to promote community engagement, encourage capacity building, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. This program is administered by the five Regional Service Offices. Neighborhood organizations, block groups, tenant associations, and civic clubs that are active and in good standing may apply for funds to hold events and activities by completing an application. Eligible activities include those that are open to residents and create sustainable and lasting impacts for the neighborhood.

Due to increased demand and the limited budget for this program, funding priority will be given to first-time applicants. The maximum fund amount is \$1000 per applicant, per funding cycle (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). Funds will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Instructions:

- Complete the application form and return it to the contact listed below.
- Provide proof of payment for the expenditures from the eligible activity.
- Grant funds will be matched dollar for dollar (1:1) with cash or in-kind donations.
- **All events must comply with the County's COVID-19 guidelines and standards. For more information, please go <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/>.**

Process:

- Upon review of the application by the County, the applicant will be notified as to whether the application is approved and the amount of funds that will be provided to support the activity.
- Approved applicants will be required to agree to the conditions of the grant program prior to payment by the County.

Get application [here](#).

Submit application to
Kevin Simpson, Community Projects Manager
Montgomery County Government, Regional Service Office (240) 401-7086
kevin.simpson@montgomerycountymd.gov

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County Council <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>
Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>
Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>
Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>
Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>
Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>
Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>
Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>
Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/>
Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>
Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>
Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>
Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs