

Dear Colleagues,

I trust that you and your loved ones continue to be well and you're enjoying your summer so far. A few updates to share as we head into our second summer session and the start of a new fiscal year:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Governor Hogan provided discretion for entities to develop their own requirements when he lifted Maryland's masking and distancing requirements, effective July 1. We will continue our current masking and distancing requirements through July 27, the end of the summer session. Masking when indoors, social distancing, attestations, and sign-in procedures are still required to keep our college community safe. I anticipate that our masking and distancing requirement will be lifted at the end of July; please look for a formal message from me closer to that time.

VACCINATIONS

On-campus vaccination clinics will be offered this summer and early fall through our partnership with the Allegany County Health Department. Students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to volunteer to get vaccinated. It's normal to have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and perhaps be cautious about getting it. I recommend visiting www.getvaccineanswers.org or consulting with your medical provider if you have questions.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

If you're on campus next Monday, please extend a welcome to our June Open House attendees. Ten ACM guides will be leading tours for 80 prospective students and their families. The event is waitlisted and students are being referred to a second Open House scheduled for July 26.

ARC FEDERAL CO-CHAIR VISIT

Last week, we proudly hosted Gayle Machin, federal co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, at the Western Maryland Works Makerspace. (ARC has been instrumental in growing our Career and Employers Solutions programs at the site.) Manchin's visit was profiled in the [Times-News](#). Many thanks to our workforce development participants and our incredible team of instructors and administrators at the Makerspace.

As always, thank you for your service to our college. Our future is bright as we join America's community colleges in leading the way to reinvigorate our national economy through career education, transfer preparation, and workforce training.

With great appreciation for you,

Dr. B.