

Montgomery County Council

November 5, 2020

It is my understanding that there is a proposal to adjust the current restrictions for Montgomery County to reduce gatherings to 25 people. The Bethesda Hotel has been able to hold contact free, mask wearing events for up to 50 people. This has gone very well and all precautions have been in place and followed.

The restrictions needless to say has been devastating to the weddings and events that have been scheduled. We have been able to change capacity from much larger number for events that have been planned for over a year. To lower the capacity now to 25 would be very painful for many involved from staff to local residents. Events scheduled for November, December and January would have to be cancelled.

The Hotel has done a perfect job in following all Covid 19 protocols and have not had any problems or related outbreaks. It would be our kind request to make adjustments in other ways but to leave the capacity at no less than 50.

Respectfully,

Steve Wieder

General Manager Bethesda Hotel Tapestry Collection by Hilton