

April 26, 2021

Re: Public Health Order
Montgomery County Board of Health

Dear Honorable Members of the Montgomery County Council:

The current restrictions and the proposed phases for loosening the public gatherings remain too limiting when you consider that a restaurant that offers 100 person capacity is allowed to serve food without guests wearing masks for up to 50 people. Restaurant spaces are often cramped with limited space to move around. In the meantime the hotel ballroom that seats 450 people for a dinner cannot serve food to more than 50 people. The ceiling height, air circulation and ventilation is much better than most all restaurants in Montgomery County. Clients are cancelling events and moving them to neighboring counties and Virginia.

We support restrictions and following the guidelines, but common sense guidelines need to consider that this hotel can put an event on much safer than what a restaurant is allowed to do and this prevents commerce throughout the Bethesda area and vicinity. Please reconsider capacity for gatherings.

Respectfully,

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