

I would highly recommend that Montgomery County offer businesses the ability to choose between two options when allowing customers to enter. In the event community transmission is above Moderate, businesses should be allowed to either require customers to wear a mask indoors OR provide proof of vaccination. Many jurisdictions are doing this already. And just today, Amazon has removed the indoor mask mandate for warehouse employees that are fully vaccinated. For fully vaccinated Montgomery County residents, there should be no need to wear a mask indoors given current circumstances. Residents over 65, front line workers and those that are immunocompromised are eligible for and obtaining a Covid booster vaccine and later this week, it is highly likely that children aged 5-11 will start receiving vaccines. Our most vulnerable are being well-protected. Please allow businesses to require proof of vaccination in order to allow fully vaccinated customers to enter without having to wear a mask.