

# HR Liaisons & MLS Meeting with OHR & MTime

Friday, April 30, 2021

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- Kimberly D. Williams & Lystra Baird
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- Lori Plazinski
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- Question and Answer Session – Moderated by Katie Kasunic



# COVID-19 Guidance Updates

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# COVID-19 Vaccination Update

- As of April 29, **52.2%** of Montgomery County residents have received their first vaccine dose, and **35.6%** are fully vaccinated.
- All employees on vaccination priority lists submitted by the County have already received invitations to schedule a vaccination appointment.
  - It's not too late! Employees who previously declined to sign up may still pre-register to receive an appointment. See: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>



# COVID-19 Vaccination Pre-registration

- Pre-registration is open to all Montgomery County employees and residents (age 16 and older):
  - [Pre-register for Montgomery County-run clinics](#)
- All employees are strongly encouraged (not required) to pre-register for vaccination.
- Be sure to provide accurate contact information when you pre-register, and monitor your email, including your junk/spam folder, so you don't miss a notification.



# What Does Fully Vaccinated Mean?

- CDC defines fully vaccinated as:
  - 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
  - 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
- If you don't meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated.
- [Click here](#) for more CDC guidance for fully vaccinated individuals.





# Do Fully Vaccinated Employees Still Need to Follow COVID-19 Workplace Protocols?

- Yes, vaccinated employees must continue to follow existing safety protocols in the workplace, such as:
  - ✓ Wearing masks/facial coverings.
  - ✓ Socially distancing (about six feet / two arm lengths).
  - ✓ Washing hands frequently.





# Quarantine Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

- New CDC and State guidelines have been issued regarding quarantine for fully vaccinated individuals. For additional information:
  - [CDC Guidance: When to Quarantine](#)
  - [Maryland Guidance: Post COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- There are exceptions to quarantine requirements for some departments and/or job classifications.



# Other COVID-19 Guidance Updates

- Check the [OHR Employee Coronavirus News Webpage](#) “Employee News Updates” and “Supervisor News Updates” sections regularly to make sure you have up-to-date guidance.
  - Note: Federal and State guidance is constantly changing; FAQs are manually reviewed and updated to reflect new guidance, but there may be delays.
- **New:** [OHR Employee Coronavirus News Webpage](#) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) now has a dedicated section with vaccination information.
- **Stay tuned for updated OHR Travel and Leave Guidance.**



# Compensation and Classification

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# Compensation Updates

## FY21 Mid-Year Compensation Changes

- Service increments and longevity adjustments were processed effective April 11 for May 7 paycheck.
- General wage adjustments (GWA) are currently being processed for effective date of June 20 for July 16 paycheck.
- Salary schedules have been updated and posted on OHR site [Compensation \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Compensation).

## FY22 Compensation Changes

- Implementation of changes will be processed after approval of the budget by Council (end of May).
- Performance evaluations for performance-based pay employees (MLS, PLS and GSS) must be submitted by **May 17, 2021**.



# Position Creation & Reclassification

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# Position Creation

- Position creation is adding a brand new position to the department.
- Position creation is established through the annual budget approval process or mid-year due to increases in services, new mandates, strategic initiatives, etc.





# New Position Creation

- Submit new position requests through the OMB Online Position Exemption and Approval Application, including the following:
  - Position description
  - Organization chart
  - Other supporting documentation
- Enter N/A in the Existing Classification Title field.
- Enter the proposed classification title in the New Classification Title field.
- Enter TBD or N/A in the Position Number field.
- Provide all relevant information in the form fields.

**Note:** New position requests to OMB without required documentation results in delays.



# New Position Creation (Cont.)

- OMB approves the funding for new position creations and routes requests to OHR Classification via the OMB Online System Approval Application.
- OHR Classification reviews requests approved by OMB.
- OHR Classification determines the occupational class for the new position request.



# New Position Creation (Cont.)

- OHR Classification attaches the OHR approved new position creation classification packet to the OMB Online System Approval Application.
- OHR Classification routes the classification approval to OHR Recruitment via the OMB Online System Approval Application.
  - Used for job posting and recruitment advertisement of the vacancy.
- OHR Classification provides a copy of the packet to the department HRL via email.



# New Position Creation (Cont.)

- Department HRL submits a new position creation transaction in Oracle Position Transaction.
- Attach OHR approved classification packet to Oracle record.
  - See [Create A New Position](#) guide for instructions.
- Oracle Position Transaction generates a new position number.
- Submit the Oracle position transaction to OMB for approval.



# New Position Creation (Cont.)

- OMB routes the OMB approved Oracle transaction to OHR Classification.
- OHR Classification reviews, approves, and creates the new position.
- Notification to HRL via Oracle.
- HRL or hiring manager works with OHR Recruiter to post the position.



# Vacant Position Reclassification

- A reclassification is a re-purposing of an existing vacant position.
- Reassigns a vacant position from one occupational class to another based on the type of work, difficulty and complexity of duties, level of responsibility, and/or required knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Reclassifying a vacant position is designed to support a department's operational needs.





# Vacant Position Reclassification

- Follow the New Position Creation procedure in previous slides.
- Exception – in the OMB Online System Approval Application:
  - Enter current classification title in the Existing Classification Title field.
  - Enter proposed title in the New Classification Title field.
  - Enter the current position number in the Position No field.
- Submit the following documentation to OMB analyst when submitting request:
  - Position Description
  - Organizational Chart
  - Other supporting documentation



# Vacant Position Reclassification (Cont.)

- When OHR approval is received, department HRL submits the vacant position reclassification request in Oracle Position Transaction.
  - See [Reclassify a Vacant Position](#) guide for instructions.
  - Reminder: Attach OHR approved reclassification packet in Oracle Position Transaction.



# Classification

## Online Training Material Links:

OMB:

- [FY21 Procurement Exemption Request](#)
- [All Position Requests, including Freeze Exemptions](#)

Classification:

- [Classification](#)

Position Management (Type of Document, Job Aids and References):

- [Position Management](#)



# Length of Service Program Update

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# Length of Service Program Overview

- OHR is pleased to honor more than 1,400 Montgomery County Government employees who earned Length of Service Awards for calendar year 2020.
- LOS Program honors employees with 5 to 55 years of service, in five-year increments.
- Each employee will receive a certificate of recognition from County Executive Marc Elrich and a recognition lapel pin in honor of their service to Montgomery County Government.
- LOS pins and certificates were distributed to all HR Liaisons throughout the County last week via inter-office mail. HR Liaisons need to send an email confirmation to Anithia Rhodes upon receipt of their department package.



# Length of Service Program Recipients

Years of Service	Number of Employees
5	338
10	108
15	348
20	277
25	146
30	125
35	40
40	15
45	3
50	1
55	1





# Length of Service Program Overview

- Departments with the longest tenured employees:
  - HHS employees with 55 and 50 years of service
- Department with the most recipients overall:
  - Police with 294 recipients
- Because we are unable to provide a recognition ceremony, we encourage you and your department leadership to present the certificates and pins to employees in a way that shows the genuine appreciation of the County for their dedication and service.
- For questions or additional information, please contact Anithia Rhodes at 240-777-5046 or [anithia.rhodes@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:anithia.rhodes@montgomerycountymd.gov).



# **Timekeeping Tips**

## **FMLA & Parental Leave**

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# Timekeeping Resources for FMLA & Parental leave

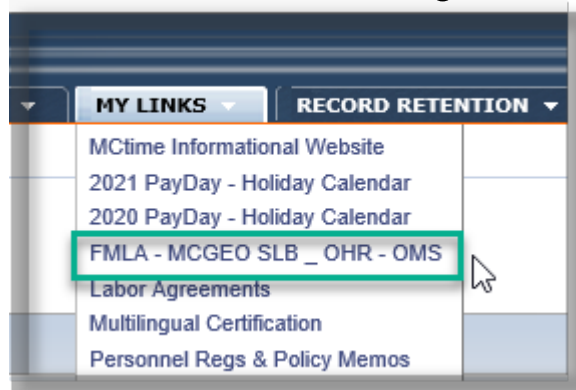
Website Timekeeping Resources – [www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/MCtime](http://www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/MCtime)

**FMLA & PARENTAL Guidance:**

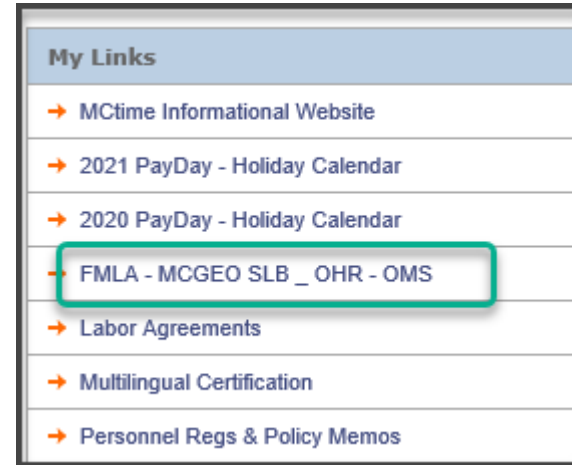
- [OHR FMLA Memo - Effective January 8, 2017](#)
- [FMLA & PARENTAL Timekeeping Job Aid](#)
- [Adding a Comment Code Job Aid](#)

MY LINKS to the OMS Informational Page within MCtime application:

JAVA View:



HTML View:



# Timekeeping FMLA & Parental

## Who can I contact with questions related to FMLA leave?

- **Montgomery County employees:** Contact Occupational Medical Services at 240-777-5137, [FMLA.information@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:FMLA.information@montgomerycountymd.gov) or visit the FMLA website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/OccupationalMedicalServices/MedicalLeave.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/OccupationalMedicalServices/MedicalLeave.html).
- **Sheriff's employees:** Contact Christina Calantonio at 240-777-7010 or [christina.calantonio@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:christina.calantonio@montgomerycountymd.gov).
- **Circuit Court employees:** Contact Court Administration at 240-777-9101 or [FMLA@mcccourt.com](mailto:FMLA@mcccourt.com).

## Who can I contact with questions about recording FMLA hours?

If you have questions related to entering FMLA hours in MTime, please contact the MTime team at [MTime@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MTime@montgomerycountymd.gov) or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/MTime](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/MTime).



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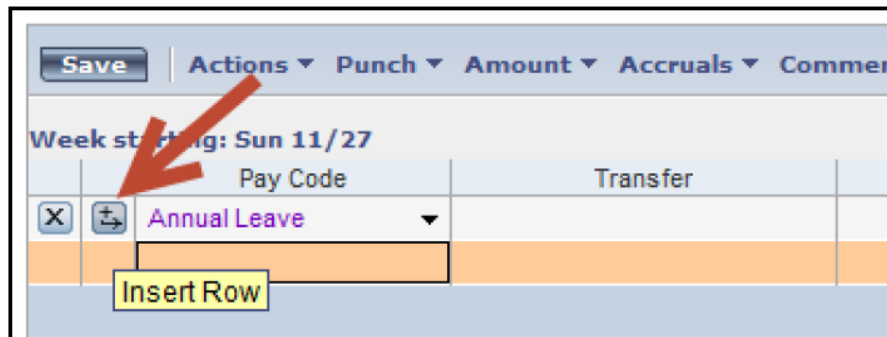
# Timekeeping FMLA & Parental

Timecard reporting should be recorded in the following manner:

**Step 1)** First indicate how (or if) the employee will be paid (\$) using the appropriate leave code (*Annual Leave / Sick Leave / Family Sick Leave / Disability Lv- Workers' Comp / Admin Leave - Temp Disability / Paid Time Off (PTO) or Leave Without Pay (LWOP)*)

**Step 2)** Add a Row. Select FMLA (if applicable)

Note: Comp Leave is not eligible to be used with FMLA Leave.



The screenshot shows a software interface for timecard reporting. At the top, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Actions', 'Punch', 'Amount', 'Accruals', and 'Comment'. Below this, it says 'Week starting: Sun 11/27'. The main area is a table with columns for 'Pay Code' and 'Transfer'. A row is highlighted in orange, with 'Annual Leave' selected in the 'Pay Code' column. A red arrow points to the 'Annual Leave' text. A yellow 'Insert Row' button is visible at the bottom of the table.

**Step 3)** Add a Row. Select PARENTAL (if applicable)

**Step 4)** Save timecard

Note: When you save the timecard, the system may adjust the order that the rows display on the timecard.



# Timekeeping Holidays FMLA & Parental

<input type="button" value="Save"/>             Actions ▾ Punch ▾ Amount ▾ Accruals ▾ Comment ▾ Reports ▾											
Week starting: Sun 5/27											
		Pay Code	...	Sun 5/27	Mon 5/28	Tue 5/29	Wed 5/30	Thu 5/31	Fri 6/01	Sat 6/02	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="↺"/>	Annual Leave	▾			8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0		32.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="↺"/>	Memorial Day			8.0						8.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="↺"/>	PARENTAL	▾ ▾		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0		40.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="↺"/>	FMLA	▾ ▾		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0		40.0
					24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0		120.0
Week starting: Sun 6/03											
		Pay Code	...	Sun 6/03	Mon 6/04	Tue 6/05	Wed 6/06	Thu 6/07	Fri 6/08	Sat 6/09	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="↺"/>	Annual Leave	▾		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0		40.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="↺"/>	FMLA	▾ ▾		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0		40.0
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					24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0		120.0

In this example, the employee records FMLA and PARENTAL leave for a full week. If a holiday day falls in that week, the holiday is also tracked with FMLA and Parental Leave.

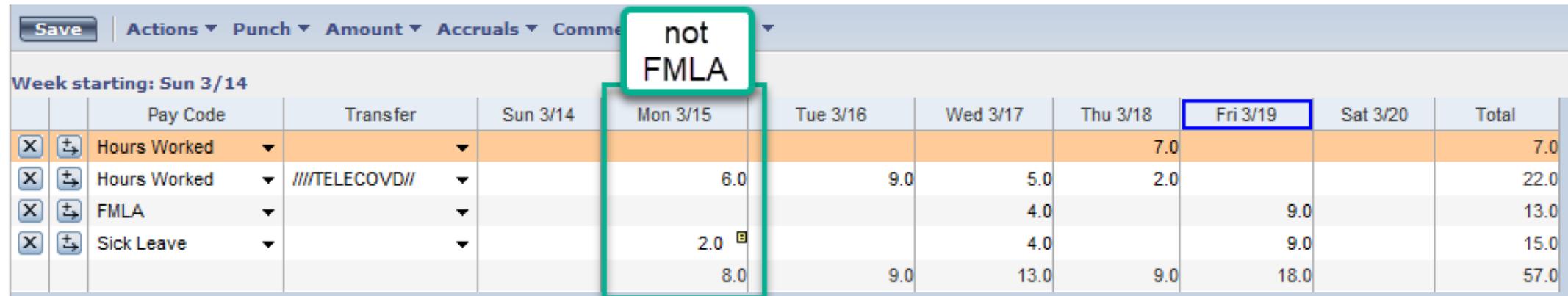


# Timekeeping: Leave NOT related to FMLA & Parental

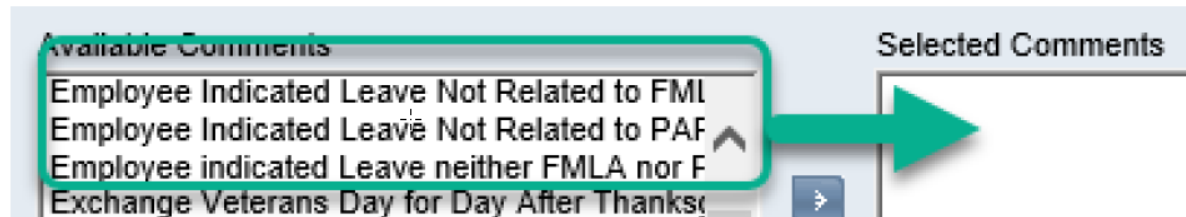
Absences NOT Related to FMLA &/or Parental – Add Comment;

See also: Add Comment Job Aid (HTML)

When an absence occurs that is not related to the FMLA or Parental Leave event, a comment should be added to the date. Choose the most appropriate comment, based on FMLA &/or Parental Leave Balances.



		Pay Code	Transfer	Sun 3/14	Mon 3/15	Tue 3/16	Wed 3/17	Thu 3/18	Fri 3/19	Sat 3/20	Total
X	⤵	Hours Worked						7.0			7.0
X	⤵	Hours Worked	////TELECOVD//		6.0	9.0	5.0	2.0			22.0
X	⤵	FMLA					4.0		9.0		13.0
X	⤵	Sick Leave			2.0		4.0		9.0		15.0
					8.0	9.0	13.0	9.0	18.0		57.0



Available Comments

- Employee Indicated Leave Not Related to FMLA
- Employee Indicated Leave Not Related to PAF
- Employee indicated Leave neither FMLA nor F
- Exchange Veterans Day for Day After Thanks

Selected Comments



# Timekeeping: Multiple FMLA Events

**Multiple FMLA Approved Events**– Add Transfer Reason Code; See also: Employee Task Job Aid  
*When an employee has multiple approved FMLA events, the original incident is recorded as normal. However, track both the rows with the leave type pay code and the FMLA leave tracking code used for a second (or third) FMLA reasons, with the transfer reason code on the date.*

Select Transfer

Labor Account

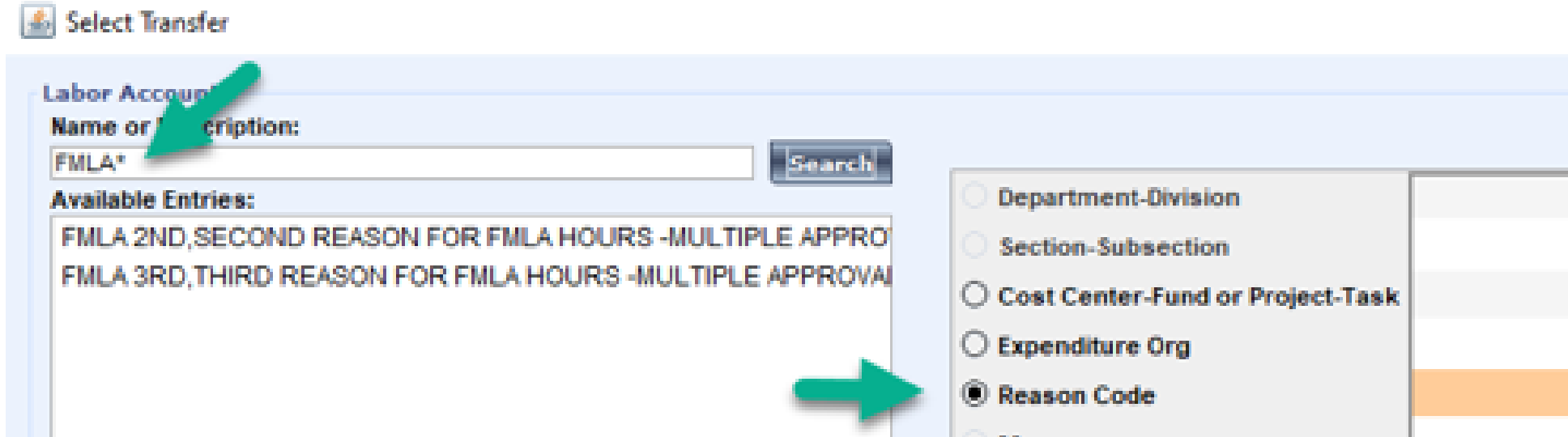
Name or Description:

FMLA\*

Available Entries:

FMLA 2ND,SECOND REASON FOR FMLA HOURS -MULTIPLE APPROV  
FMLA 3RD,THIRD REASON FOR FMLA HOURS -MULTIPLE APPROVAL

Department-Division  
 Section-Subsection  
 Cost Center-Fund or Project-Task  
 Expenditure Org  
 Reason Code





# Timekeeping: Multiple FMLA Events

Save | Actions | Punch | Amount | Accruals | Co | Reports

Week starting: Sun 3/14

	Pay Code	Transfer	Sun 3/14	Mon 3/15	Tue 3/16	Wed 3/17	Thu 3/18	Fri 3/19	Sat 3/20	Total
X	Hours Worked						7.0			7.0
X	Hours Worked	////TELECOVD//		6.0	9.0	5.0	2.0			22.0
X	FMLA					4.0				4.0
X	FMLA	////FMLA 2ND//						9.0		9.0
X	Sick Leave			2.0		4.0				6.0
X	Sick Leave	////FMLA 2ND//						9.0		9.0
				8.0	9.0	13.0	9.0	18.0		57.0

Annotations: 'not FMLA' points to Mon 3/15; 'original FMLA' points to Wed 3/17; 'Second FMLA' points to Fri 3/19.



# Timecard Reminders

- Perform Pay Period Close Checklist
- Meet (Review, Edit and) Approval Deadlines
- Ensuring Accountability in Timekeeping 5/14, 6/17 & 10/14
- Technical Issues?
  - Compatibility Checks Job Aid or
  - Call the Help Desk at 240-777-2828
- Need Help? Email us: [MCtime@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MCtime@montgomerycountymd.gov)



# Q & A

Moderated by Katie Kasunic



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# Thank You for Attending

This presentation will be posted on the Weekly HR Liaisons & MLS Meeting Dashboard:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/Misc/WeeklyHRLiaisonsMLSOHRMCTime.html>

For more information on Timekeeping, visit the MCTime Events - COVID-19:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mctime/resources.html#Events>

OHR's Employee Coronavirus News Webpage:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/employeenewscovid19>



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