



Today, the Food Council launched a short 8-question COVID-19 Community Food Access survey seeking input from residents to guide Montgomery County food security initiatives in 2021. Residents' feedback on how the County can best serve our communities and improve food access during and after the COVID-19 pandemic is essential to informing program implementation, policy development, and future funding priorities.

The deadline for survey responses is **Wednesday, March 17th, 2021**. The survey is currently available in English and Spanish, and we will be launching the survey in French, Amharic and Mandarin in the coming weeks.

- **Food Access Survey (English):** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mcfoodsurvey>
- **Food Access Survey (Español):** <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/encuestaalimentaria>

Residents who complete Part I of the survey will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift card, and residents who complete Parts I and II of the survey will be entered to win a \$50 gift card.

We need the help of all community partners to ensure that information about this survey is shared widely, so that as many residents as possible respond and provide their insight. **Please share the information included below, and [on our website](#), with residents that your organization supports, as well as with neighbors, local listservs and community groups, through e-newsletters, social media, and on your website.**

Resources for sharing the survey, including a social media toolkit and graphics in English and Spanish, are available on the Food Council's website: [www.mocofoodcouncil.org/survey](http://www.mocofoodcouncil.org/survey).



Community Science, a local evaluation firm, will help the Food Council administer this survey, including data collection and analysis. This information will remain confidential and will only be used to improve food security in the county.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Avelyn Heltzel from the Community Science team at [aheltzel@communityscience.com](mailto:aheltzel@communityscience.com) or the Montgomery County Food Council at [info@mocofoodcouncil.org](mailto:info@mocofoodcouncil.org).

Thank you for your help connecting the input and insight of local residents to inform our collective efforts to improve access to safe, sufficient, nutritious and culturally appropriate food to all Montgomery County residents!