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BACKPACKS AND VACCINATIONS

Montgomery Housing Partnership Hosts Backpack Drive and Vaccination Clinic at One Location

Montgomery County Partnership (MHP) is hosting one of its largest backpack drives and vaccination clinics on Saturday, August 21 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Worthington Woods Apartments in Washington, D.C., helping students prepare for school and providing health equity and accessibility to residents.

Due to the generous contributions to MHP's backpack campaign, hundreds of students at Worthington Woods will receive grade-appropriate school supplies. As students are returning to the classroom, back to a normal setting after a difficult year of remote learning, MHP has worked to help them get ready for the school year and not be left behind.

At the same time and location, MHP, in collaboration with Mary's Center, will provide Covid-19 vaccinations to residents at Worthington Woods. "Because we're expecting several hundred people to turn out for the backpack drive, we saw this as a great opportunity to make getting vaccinated as easy as possible," says Chris Gillis, MHP's Policy and Neighborhood Development Director.

MHP has hosted several successful vaccination clinics in MHP's residential affordable housing communities. On-site clinics are being staffed and supported by folks from the African American Health Program and Latino Health Initiative. These partnerships have contributed to hundreds of MHP residents successfully receiving vaccinations.

Date: August 21, 2021 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: 4420 3rd Street, SE Washington, DC 20032

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