

Direct Deposit SCAM ALERT

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On March 6, 2024, a malicious email phishing attack targeted a group of Montgomery College employees attempting to obtain their MyMC ID and password. Once employees clicked the link, the attack unfolded as follows:

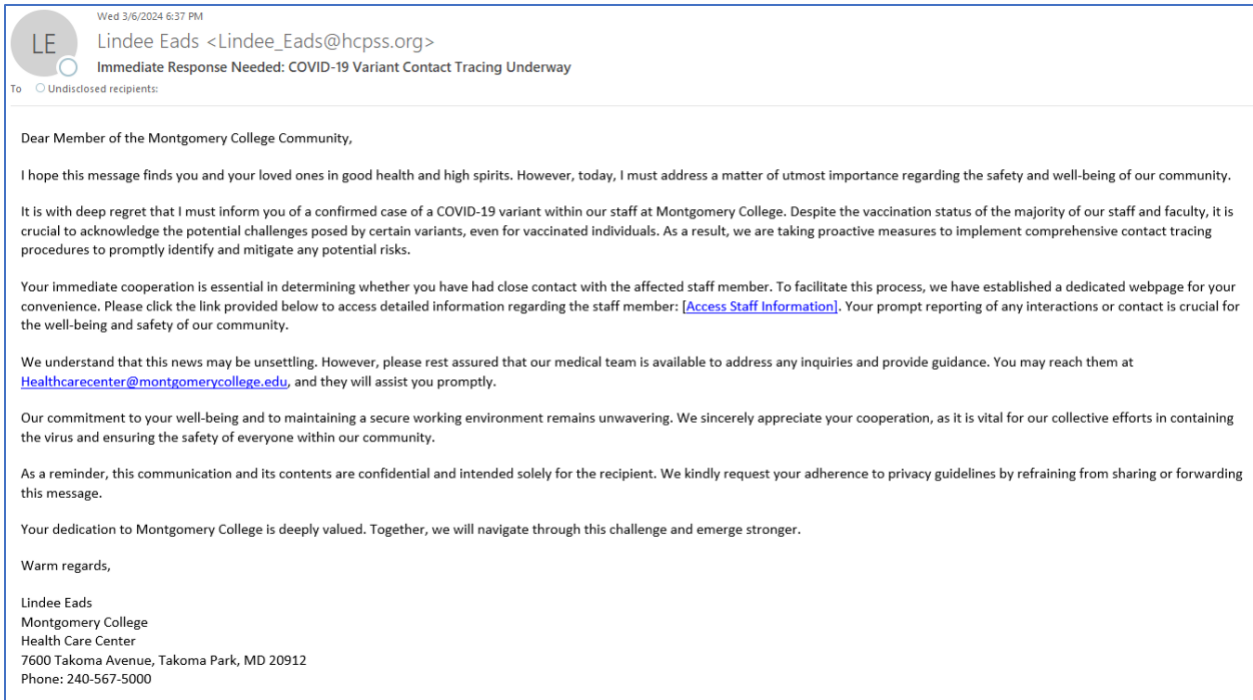
1. A fake MyMC login page was displayed that prompted employees to enter their MyMC ID and password.
2. Employees were then presented with a fake Duo Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) prompt where they were asked for a Duo Mobile passcode.

The attacker used the one-time passcode to access the Duo Mobile Device Portal to add their phone to the employee's 2FA account. This granted the attacker access to the employee's **MyMC ID information that was then used to access the employee's Workday account. With this access the attacker then changed the employee's direct deposit accounts in an effort to divert and steal the employee's paycheck.**

THE GOOD NEWS: IT Security successfully intercepted this attack and **no** direct deposit account changes were processed.

THE BAD NEWS: Several employees clicked the link and potentially provided their personal information to the attacker. **If you clicked the link, and were not contacted by IT Security, please notify the IT Service Desk immediately** to report your encounter and receive guidance about how to protect your account.

The screenshot below is an example of the phishing attack email received by MC employees:



It is critical that we all remain vigilant staying alert and reporting suspicious or out of the ordinary emails. For example, users reported that the fake MyMC login page and Duo prompt appeared “different.” Remember, **if it seems PHISHY, it probably is PHISHY**. Please take the time to review the sending email address, content, and nature of the request before clicking.



Please use the Report phishing button to [REPORT](#) suspicious emails and let IT Security analyze it for you.

As always, the IT Service Desk is available to address any technology-related questions or issues:

- by email at itservicedesk@montgomerycollege.edu
- by web chat on [OIT's web page](#)
- by phone at 240-567-7222

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