

Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

MERCY NEWS

December 14, 2020



Welcome to Week 17!

December 14, 2020-December 20, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!

Mercy College Week 17!

Welcome to Week 17 of the Fall 2020 semester. **The final week of the semester is completed and many of you have already begun final testing.**

Thanks to everyone who followed all the safety guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy environment as we are now teaching/learning in the online environment.

This week the hours at the College change to Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm to allow students time to study and to use the computers and printers on Jefferson 6th floor.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SOCIALY DISTANCE AND WEAR YOUR MASKS AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON CAMPUS!

Our mission is to educate and inspire students to lead and to serve in the global community and by living our values of compassion, excellence, human dignity, justice, sacredness of life, and service.

This year has been fraught with the COVID-19 crisis and racial and social injustices. **We must now adapt and be flexible as changes are being made to the schedule.** In a quote by Catherine McAuley, **“We must strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well.”**

It is my sincere hope that you and your families are all well!

The seventeenth week of Fall semester begins December 14, 2020 with a continuation of all content (lecture material) being delivered in the online and/or digital-mediated format and final exams taking place.

Safety and the health and well-being of everyone is first and foremost our top priority, which means that all safety plans must be followed to ensure a healthy environment.

THE NEWSLETTER WILL CONTINUE NEXT SEMESTER!! The Newsletter is taking a recess the weeks of December 21 and December 28, 2020. See you next year!

Check out RADA Cutlery Sale on p. 5.



Communication will be provided in weekly newsletters, president updates, Canvas, social media, and our website at www.mercycollege.edu/covid19.

Email is the official form of communication at the College!

EMERGENCY ALERTS

Please sign up for **RAVE**, the Mercy College emergency alert system.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK AT



ALL TIMES WHEN ON CAMPUS!

CURRENT COVID-19 NUMBERS

With winter and flu season upon us – the College will provide the most current numbers (includes Toledo and Youngstown), noting that the numbers change frequently. As of December 14, 2020, 34 students are in COVID protocol with 10 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 69 COVID+ students with 59 approved to return to campus.

Campus Open with Safety Precautions in Place

Written by Dr. Susan Wajert

Toledo Directions for Entry

Enter Jefferson side of the building (grocery store type doors) with your face covering in place. Face coverings must **always** be worn while on campus unless alone in a private office.

During peak times (early morning) there will be a second temperature station for faculty/staff/students if entering from under the blue canopy. If no one is present at the second station, please proceed to the temperature check station at the (grocery store door) entrance.

Temperature check is with a non-contact thermometer. Temperature must be less than 100 degrees (F). If temperature is 100 degrees or higher you will not be permitted to stay on campus.

Please stand at least six feet from others if anyone is waiting for their temperature to be taken.

Please use good hand hygiene and/or hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer stations are on walls and will be placed in classrooms and labs.

Anyone not following the guidelines will be subject to the Student Code of Conduct, and employees will be subject to Mercy Health HR guidelines.

Cleaning supplies will be provided in all rooms – please clean work/study area before and after finishing work/student, etc.

Verasure and Virex wipes must dry for 10 minutes to be effective

Rad Tech students will follow **purple** circles to their destination.

Science Lab students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

EMT/Paramedic students follow **orange** circles to their destination.

BLS students follow **red** circles to their destination.

Phlebotomy students follow **black** circles to their destination.

Nursing students follow **green** circles to their destination if on Jefferson second or third floor and follow **blue** circles to their destination if on Madison second, third, or fourth floor.



COMPUTER LAB AND STUDY CUBICLES

The **computer lab** on the sixth floor of Jefferson will be available from 10:00am-2:00pm Monday/Wednesday for student use. Please, urgent situations only and limit copying to 100 pages or less so that everyone may print.

Five computers have been moved to the study cubicle area with a second printer for those computers.

Study cubicles will be available for urgent situations only from 10:00am-2:00pm on the sixth floor of Jefferson.



PLEASE CLEAN YOUR WORK AREA BEFORE AND AFTER USE!! WIPES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED!!

PLEASE CHECK MONITORS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

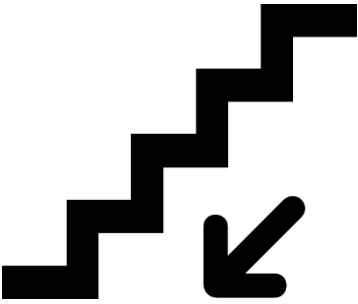


SAFETY FIRST



Please follow all signage on campus for

- Restrooms
- Stairwells
- Elevators
- Safety and Hygiene



Stairwells may be used to go down or for emergencies. Elevators should be used to go up. Limit is two per elevator car.

TOLEDO COLLEGE HOURS

Mon./Wed
10:00am-2:00pm



YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE HOURS

Mon./Wed
10:00am-2:00pm

STUDENT SERVICES



All student services will be provided in the online/remote environment except urgent needs where an appointment is scheduled. All safety protocol must be followed in these circumstances.

All open/congregate spaces on-campus will be closed – no lounge accessibility, etc.



No congregating permitted.



YOUNGSTOWN
DIRECTIONS
FOR ENTRY

All Youngstown students are to enter the building through the rear door (from the Cardiac Health Center parking lot).

If using the stairwell going up, please stay at least six feet away from other students.

If you are going to the Skills Lab on second floor, exit the stairwell at the 2nd floor and proceed directly to the Skills Lab; your temperature will be taken by the Skills Lab Coordinator.

If you are going to the fourth floor Administrative Offices, take stairs to the 4th floor and exit the stairwell at the 4th floor and proceed directly to either Darnell LaRosa or Tina Fowler’s office. They will take your temperature.

You may also proceed to your destination using the elevator, only TWO students at a time in the elevator.

Please stand at least six feet away from others if anyone is waiting for their temperature to be taken.

If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher, you will not be permitted to stay in the building; you should monitor for further COVID symptoms and contact your Primary Care Provider (PCP).

SPRING SEMESTER
2021 SCHEDULE

Given the continuation of the pandemic, spring break is being cancelled the week of March 8-12, 2021. Two long weekends will be added in the place of spring break.
Spring 2021 Schedule:
Monday, January 18, 2021: CLASSES CANCELLED;
Business Operations of the College will be open.
Friday, March 12, 2021: CLASSES CANCELLED;
Business Operations of the College will be open.
Friday, April 2, 2021: CLASSES CANCELLED, and COLLEGE CLOSED.
Monday, April 5, 2021: CLASSES CANCELLED;
Business Operations of the College will be open.



WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please visit the Mercy College webpage at www.mercycollege.edu/covid19 and review the *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s)*. If you cannot find the answer to your question, please complete the Ask a Question form and submit. Someone will get back to you within 24-48 hours. Thank you.

Mercy Café Menu

Week of December 14-December 18, 2020

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR SPRING CLASSES?

Currently, the College plans to conduct classes (didactic content) in the online and/or digital-mediated format, and have students participate in on-campus activities such as skills labs, simulation activities, science labs and attend clinical and practicum experiences at the respective sites. Based on the knowledge that we currently have; we are continuing in the same format being used for fall. This applies to both Toledo and Youngstown. Thank you for your understanding as we continue in the pandemic situation.

The 2021–22 FAFSA® Form is Here!

Planning on attending Mercy College between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022? You will need to complete the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is now open. The 2021-22 FAFSA application will be used for determining your financial aid beginning in summer 2021. You will report your 2019 tax information. There is no need to update the form after you complete your 2020 taxes. Apply now at www.fafsa.gov. Mercy College's school code is 030970-00. If you have questions, please contact the financial aid office at financialaid@mercycollege.edu and we will be happy to assist you.

With the numbers of COVID cases increasing, please make sure to follow all safety protocol. Please, always wear your masks.

FINALS WEEK IS HERE DECEMBER 14-
DECEMBER 18, 2020! GOOD LUCK
EVERYONE!
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

OTHER
OFFICES OPEN
FOR
ASSISTANCE

Please email the department that you need instead of calling. This will facilitate a faster response with all of the College offices. Department email addresses are:

studentsuccesscenter@mercycollege.edu

registrar@mercycollege.edu

financialaid@mercycollege.edu

bursar@mercycollege.edu

admissions@mercycollege.edu

CAFETERIA
HOURS
(Toledo)

Monday – Friday
7:30am-1:30pm

NO FOOD OR
BEVERAGES
PERMITTED IN
CLASSROOMS OR
LABS.

A water bottle or
water container is
permissible.

Youngstown
Location

CONGREGATE
SPACES



YOUNGSTOWN
LOCATION

CAFETERIA HOURS

See posted hours in
Youngstown.

REVISED COLLEGE HOURS

Due to the increasing numbers of students and faculty/staff who are in the Mercy College travel and exposure protocol led by our student health nurse Jennifer Barber, and our Incident Commander, Marc Adkins, the following plan of action is being implemented to continue to meet the needs of our students and faculty/staff with regard to everyone's safety and well-being.

The remaining days of the semester from December 14, 2020-December 16, 2020, the College will be open minimal hours due to the increasing COVID numbers. The hours will be Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm. Students, faculty and staff should only be on campus for **URGENT** situations. **Jefferson 6th floor** will be the point of entry for students who need to study in the cubicles, use the computers, print papers, etc.

The College will be open with faculty/staff working remotely from Thursday, December 17, 2020 through Monday, January 4, 2021.

Youngstown will follow the same schedule as Toledo. Students will continue to follow the same guidelines for entering the Youngstown location. Please follow any instructions provided by faculty/staff.

Thank you for all you have done to keep the College a safe place during the last 15 weeks! We thank you also for being flexible as we move forward with the remaining days of the semester and into the new year!! We continue to be agile, dedicated and Mercy Strong!

As you prepare for the holidays, we ask that you continue to think of the health and well-being of your families and friends, your Mercy student colleagues, and Mercy College faculty/staff, and above all please remember to take care of yourself. This will be a difficult and challenging holiday season and we want to keep everyone safe and healthy. Many blessings to all as we enter the holiday season.

REVISED FALL COMMENCEMENT

College administration and the incident command team have continually been monitoring the COVID outbreak, the rising numbers, and the increasing hospitalizations. It is with a heavy heart that the College has made the decision to shift to a virtual commencement ceremony. As a team we understand the importance of commencement to you and your families and it saddens us as administrators, faculty, and staff, but we cannot jeopardize the health and safety of our graduates and their loved ones as well as the College faculty and staff.

I want to thank the Mercy College team who has been working diligently to plan and host all three options to prepare the best commencement experience possible for our students.

Students will be receiving a message this week from the Mercy College Communication Team/Office of Student Records on how to prepare for the Virtual Commencement Ceremony.

Youngstown students will receive information from Dr. Pat McAllen/Darnell LaRosa.

The Governor of the State has recommended a stay-home-advisory.

Virtual Ceremony in Toledo and/or Youngstown

- Fully online
- Names/Degrees read
- Diplomas and programs will be mailed the week of December 20th. Please allow up to 30 days for receipt due to delays caused by the Pandemic and holiday mailings.

The most current information about graduation and commencement is at www.mercycollege.edu/graduation. Please direct any questions to registrar@mercycollege.edu.

Mercy College Gear for Sale

Just in time for the holidays, we've arranged for a few items from the Clothing store to be available to purchase online. Please visit www.mercycollege.edu/clothingstore

All prices include tax and shipping. Orders will be filled once a week and shipped directly to your home.

Scholarships

Do you plan on attending Mercy College in the fall of 2021? The scholarship application is now open. The deadline for applicants is February 28, 2021. Only one application is necessary to be considered for all Mercy College scholarships.

Visit <https://www.mercycollege.edu/scholarships> and apply today. Please write an essay on the Mercy values and how you demonstrate them in your life, your commitment to the College's motto of compassion and caring, and an explanation of your chosen major and your perceived need for funds. This essay should be no greater than 500 words.

It is also recommended students complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov by the scholarship deadline for need-based scholarship consideration.

Please contact the financial aid office with questions at (419) 251-1219 or financialaid@mercycollege.edu and the Financial Aid Office will be glad to assist you!

Textbook Buyback

The textbook buyback event for material purchased from Matthews will run from Monday, December 14, 2020, through Friday, January 1, 2021. It will be an online-only event, and there will be a link on the [Mercy College Bookstore \(Matthews Medical Books\) website](#) with instructions about what you can sell back and how to go about it. Check December 14 for information!

A Christmas Prayer Follows:

A Christmas Prayer

*Not gold, nor myrrh, nor even frankincense
would I have for you this season,
but simple gifts, the ones that are hardest to find,
the ones that are perfect,
even for those who have everything (if such there be).*

*I would (if I could)
have for you the gift of courage,
the strength to face the gauntlets
only you can name,
and the firmness in your heart to know
that you (yes, you!) can be a bearer of the quiet dignity
that is the human glorified.*

*I would (if by my intention I could make it happen)
have for you the gift of connection,
the sense of standing on the hinge of time,
touching past and future
standing with certainty that you (yes, you!)
are the point where it all comes together.*

*I would (if wishing could make it so)
have for you the gift of community,
a nucleus of love and challenge,
to convince you in your soul
that you (yes, you!) are a source of light
in a world too long believing in the dark.*

*Not gold, nor myrrh, nor even frankincense,
would I have for you this season,
but simple gifts, the ones that are hardest to find,
the ones that are perfect,
even for those who have everything (if such there be).*

- Rev. Maureen Killoran

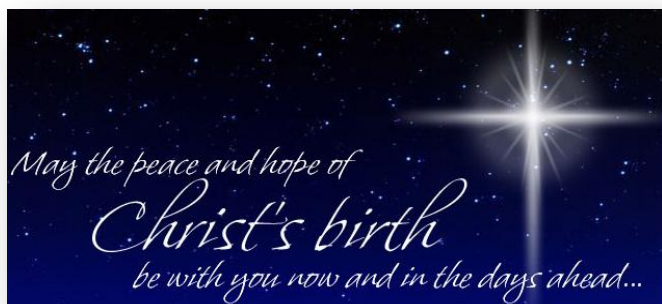
<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/advent-and-christmas-prayers>

To the entire Mercy College Community of students/faculty/staff/administration and all our partners and associates: May you all have a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Blessings to everyone.

To the Graduates: Continue to travel on your journey in caring for those who need your assistance honoring the Sisters of Mercy, Foundress, Catherine McAuley, and the Mercy Values of Compassion, Excellence, Human Dignity, Justice, Sacredness of Life and Service. Best of Wishes to each one of you, and may you find “Light” in all that you do!!

Best of Wishes,

Susan Wajert
Mercy College President



RADA Cutlery Fundraiser

The Mercy College Auxiliary is hosting an online fundraising sale with RADA Cutlery. 40% of the proceeds from each sale will be used by the Auxiliary to support the College. Visit <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3149414.08d6c3>. Shop online through Sunday, December 20.

The purpose of the Mercy College Auxiliary is to enhance the mission of the College through fundraising and volunteer services in support of a Christian learning environment. The Auxiliary has made significant contributions to Mercy College in the form of scholarships and purchasing needed material for learning.

Membership in the Mercy College Auxiliary is open to any interested person. For more information on the Mercy College Auxiliary, visit: <https://mercycollege.edu/alumni-friends/college-auxiliary>.