

# MERCY NEWS

October 26, 2020



## Welcome to Week 10!

October 26, 2020-November 1, 2020

### Mercy College Week 10!

**Welcome to Week 10** of the Fall 2020 semester. The ninth week of on-campus activities went well with no major incidents. **Thanks to everyone who followed all the safety guidelines. Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for students, faculty, and staff, and we also need your assistance to be successful!**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR YOUR MASKS!**

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. **Please continue to be mindful and keep our nation in your thoughts and prayers. As Catherine McAuley stated, "A community in which this universal charity reigns, is capable of surmounting all difficulties".**



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

*The tenth week of Fall semester begins October 26, 2020 with a continuation of all content (lecture material) being delivered in the online and/or digital-mediated format. On-campus activities will continue with skills labs, science labs, simulation and other activities as directed by your faculty members. Please follow their guidance.*

*At this time the College is prepared for clinical/preceptor experiences at many of the Mercy Health facilities as well as other area health facilities. All faculty and staff want to provide the best educational experience possible given the challenges we face so we are going to need everyone's assistance! **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.***

#### Fall Schedule

The last day of on-campus activities is Tuesday, November 24, 2020. All activities after this date will take place in the online or digital-mediated format.

**Communication** will be provided in weekly newsletters, president updates, Canvas, social media, and our website at [www.mercycollege.edu/covid19](http://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 October 23, 2020, 12 students are in COVID protocol with 2 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 26 COVID+ students with 24 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.

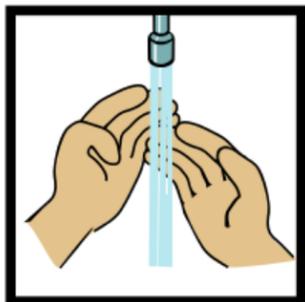
**Science Lab** students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

**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.



**FACULTY AND STAFF INCIDENT COMMAND DURING WEEK OF 10/24/2020-10/31/2020-LESLIE ERWIN WILL SERVE AS INCIDENT COMMANDER DURING THIS WEEK – PLEASE contact LESLIE at [leslie.erwin@mercycollege.edu](mailto:leslie.erwin@mercycollege.edu) for Incident Command related issues. Thank you!**

## COMPUTER LAB AND STUDY CUBICLES

The **computer lab** on the sixth floor of Jefferson will be available from 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday for student use. Please, urgent situations only and limit copying to 100 pages or less so that everyone may print.

**DUE TO HEAVY USE**

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

Study cubicles will be available for urgent situations only from 9:00am-5:00pm 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!**

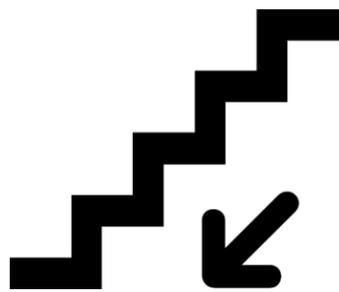


## SAFETY FIRST



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

Monday – Friday 8:00am-5:00pm (except classes that are in session after 5:00pm or on weekends).



## YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00am-5:00pm (except classes that are in session after 5:00pm or on weekends).

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> floor and exit the stairwell at the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**

October 26-30, 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](http://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](mailto:financialaid@mercycollege.edu) and we will be happy to assist you.

**Door Decoration Contest**

We want to see your Halloween/Fall décor! Participate in Mercy College's virtual Door Decoration Contest, for a chance to win a \$15 Amazon E-Gift Card. Categories are Halloween and Fall Harvest. Criteria: Must involve a door (Front Door, Bedroom Door, Garage Door, etc.) Deadline to enter is Thursday, October 22 at 5pm EST. Photos of entries will be posted to social media and you will be able to vote for the winners!

Submit your photos at: <https://mercycollege.wufoo.com/forms/s1x7db5nofk9nu6/>

**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](mailto:studentsuccesscenter@mercycollege.edu)

[registrar@mercycollege.edu](mailto:registrar@mercycollege.edu)

[financialaid@mercycollege.edu](mailto:financialaid@mercycollege.edu)

[bursar@mercycollege.edu](mailto:bursar@mercycollege.edu)

[admissions@mercycollege.edu](mailto: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.

**Volunteer Opportunity- Share your Mercy Story\***

Are you interested in sharing your Mercy College story? Participate in our virtual open house opportunities, called Healthcare Worker Wednesday, and share information about your Mercy experience and how your Mercy education led to where you are today (or where you hope to be). Multiple dates/times available. Each session is 30 minutes.

To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4ba9ae23aafa7-healthcare>

\*This volunteer opportunity may count toward service hour requirements for your program or organization.

**COLLEGE HOURS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 30, 2020 both in TOLEDO AND YOUNGSTOWN**

**November 30, 2020** – The College will be open from 8:00am-5:00pm for continuing operations. Students in **urgent situations only** will have access to the Jefferson 6<sup>th</sup> floor study cubicles and printers as they prepare for the final weeks of the semester and exams. Administrator Rotations continue. ***All on-campus activities for students (make-up work) must be completed by Friday, December 4, 2020.***

**December 7, 2020** – The College will be open from 8:00am-5:00pm for continuing operations. Students in **urgent situations only** will have access to the Jefferson 6<sup>th</sup> floor study cubicles and printers as they prepare for the final weeks of the semester and exams. Administrator Rotations continue.

**December 14, 2020- December 17, 2020** – The College will be open from 8:00am-5:00pm for continuing operations. Students in **urgent situations only** will have access to the Jefferson 6<sup>th</sup> floor study cubicles and printers as they complete the final week of the semester. Administrator Rotations continue through Thursday, December 17, 2020. Graduation Ceremonies are scheduled to be held on Thursday December 17, 2020 in Toledo and on Friday, December 18, 2020 in Youngstown. College Offices will be open on Friday, December 18, 2020 with everyone working virtually. **The building will be closed except for essential activities only.**

**December 21, 2020** – All College Offices will be open with everyone working virtually. **The building will be closed** except for essential activities, which must be approved by the faculty/staff member's manager and Incident Command. (Friday, December 25, 2020 Christmas is a Holiday).

**December 28, 2020** – All College Offices will be open with everyone working virtually. **The building will be closed except** for essential activities, which must be approved by the faculty/staff member's manager and Incident Command. (Friday, January 1, 2021 is a Holiday).

**Welcome to the New Year!**

**Week of January 4, 2021** – Operations resume Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm with Administrator Rotations continuing, and **the College Building open** with access to study cubicles and printing for students in **urgent situations only**. Faculty/Staff who need to come to campus during this week must contact their manager and Incident Command.

**Week of January 11, 2021** Operations continue, and on-campus activities resume with students returning for skills labs, simulation, science labs and other specifically assigned activities such as clinical experiences/preceptorships that may take place in part on-campus and/or at a clinical facility. Course content will continue to be delivered online or in the digital-mediated format. **Jefferson sixth floor will be open in urgent situations only** to students for printing and to study in the cubicles. **Tentatively the hours of operation for second semester will resume Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm given the state of the pandemic at the time.**

**New Partnership Announced between Mercy College of Ohio and Tiffin University**

Given the changes in higher education and growing number of partnerships, Mercy College is partnering with Tiffin University in a course sharing arrangement for specific English/Math/Physics courses. These courses will be offered in the online format ONLY, and there should be NO noticeable difference for students.

**NEW THIS WEEK!! Commencement Information****Commencement at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral or at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Reception Hall (Option 1)**

The commencement ceremony in Toledo is scheduled to be held on Thursday, Dec 17, 2020 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral and the Youngstown ceremony is scheduled to be held on Friday, Dec 18, 2020 at 6:00pm at The Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Reception Hall. All 2020 graduates have been invited to participate in the celebration, which includes the following outreach (email, text messages and phone calls) to May and August graduates, and the December candidates for graduation.

Due to health and safety concerns, commencement ceremonies will look very different. The processional and recessional are prohibited by the Cathedral and the Reception Hall. Also, we will have a soloist who will sing our hymns, and all other participants will be asked not to sing to reduce the aerosol spread. Each ceremony will also have a student speaker in lieu of both a commencement speaker and a student speaker.

May and August graduates and December candidates for graduation must RSVP to participate.

[Toledo Graduate RSVP](#)

[Youngstown Graduate RSVP](#)

The safety of everyone is of utmost importance to Mercy College! Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of the coronavirus or the flu/cold.

Graduates will be permitted to bring three guests to the Cathedral or to the Reception Hall, and face coverings that cover both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times while in the venues and all social distancing guidelines will be enforced. In Toledo, students will be assigned to one of up to four ceremonies to attend depending on the number of participants. Since guests will be limited and most of the Mercy College community will not be attending, we are exploring live stream options in both Toledo and Youngstown. We ask that only children who can wear a face mask for the duration of the ceremony (one hour) attend. It is preferred that guests accompanying the graduates are adults.

Contingent upon health and safety conditions in each location on Monday, December 7, 2020 a final decision will be made by college administration along with incident command regarding the ceremony outlined in Option 1 or to move to Option 2 or 3

**On Campus Drive Through Ceremony in Toledo and/or Youngstown (Option 2)**

- One car per graduate
- Diploma and programs presented
- Photo opportunity with Mercy College President

**Virtual Ceremony in Toledo and/or Youngstown (Option 3)**

- Fully online
- Names read
- Diplomas and programs mailed

Option 3 will be used only if the State of Ohio is operating under a stay-at-home order.

The most current information about graduation and commencement is at [www.mercycollege.edu/graduation](http://www.mercycollege.edu/graduation). Please direct any questions to [registrar@mercycollege.edu](mailto:registrar@mercycollege.edu).