

Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

MERCY NEWS

September 14, 2020



Welcome to Week 4!
September 14-September 20,
2020

**Mercy College Week
4!**

Welcome to Week 4 of the Fall 2020 semester. The third 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! Thank you.**

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 the racial and social injustices faced by many brought to light by the death of George Floyd. As a Mercy College Community, we have a responsibility under the guidance of our foundress, Sr. Catherine McAuley to create an environment where women, the poor and underserved, and those who suffer from injustices have access to healthcare and education provided in a caring and compassionate manner.



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

The fourth week of Fall semester begins September 14, 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 BREAK – NEW!

The College will be in session fall break. All classes, clinicals etc. will be held. Please follow the guidance of your faculty members.

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. Toledo Commencement is scheduled to be held December 17. Youngstown Commencement is scheduled to be held on December 18. More details to follow.

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.

The Rave test occurred on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 12noon! If you did not receive alerts through email, text, and phone, please sign up as soon as possible.

You will receive text, email, and phone alerts if you are signed up for all three.



Campus Opens 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 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.



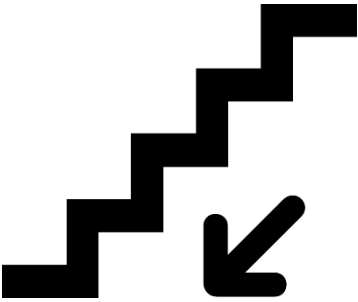
PLEASE CLEAN YOUR WORK AREA BEFORE AND AFTER USE!! WIPES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED!!

PLEASE CHECK MONITORS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!



Please follow all signage on campus for

- Restrooms
- Stairwells
- Elevators
- Safety and Hygiene

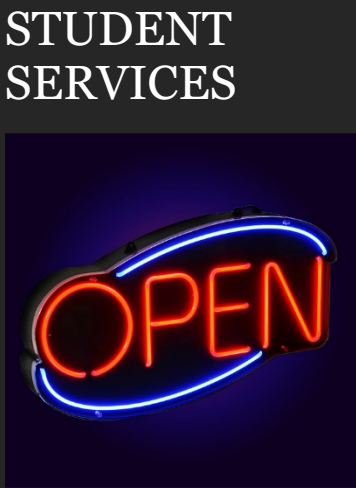


Stairwells may be used to go down or for emergencies. Elevators should be used to go up. Limit is two per elevator car.

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).



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).



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.

In a quote by Catherine McAuley she states:

“The simplest and most practical lesson I know...is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow.

Let us take one day only in hands, at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow, thus we may hope to get on taking short, careful steps, not great strides.”

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



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CAFETERIA HOURS

See posted hours in
Youngstown.