

MERCY NEWS

April 19, 2021



Welcome to Week 15 of Spring Semester – April 19-April 25, 2021

Commencement Plans – Toledo, May 7, 2021 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral at 1pm and 4pm with limited guests. Please follow the guidelines sent by the Office of Student Records. Youngstown, May 10, 2021 at St. Columba Cathedral at 6pm with limited guests. Please follow the guidelines sent by the Office of Student Records and Darnell LaRosa. *(more on p. 4)*

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Please do not come on campus in Toledo/Youngstown if experiencing COVID symptoms!!

Fall Plan Update: see p. 4

Mercy College Week 15!

Welcome to Week 15 of the Spring 2021 semester. **This is the fifteenth week of on-campus activities that will take place in the skills labs, science labs, and simulation settings. Students will participate in their clinical and practicum experiences as directed by their faculty members.**

Since we remain under pandemic protocol, all didactic/lecture content will continue in the online environment during spring semester.

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

In the words of Catherine McAuley:

“We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us.”



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

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.

Please continue to use all the safety and cleaning protocol by wiping surface areas, etc. Please continue to follow all signage that is in place.



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.*

Mercy College has partnered with Rave Wireless to provide an emergency alert system capable of delivering messages to your Mercy College and personal email addresses, as well as your land line and cell phone. Current students, faculty, and staff are automatically enrolled in Rave. To review or adjust your preferences visit <https://mercycollege.edu/student-affairs/rave-alert-system>

CURRENT COVID-19 NUMBERS

With spring allergy season upon us and the pandemic continuing – the College will provide the most current numbers (includes Toledo and Youngstown), noting that the numbers change frequently. As of April 19, 2021, 41 students are in COVID protocol with 6 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 100 COVID+ students with 94 approved to return to campus.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS OR ARE RUNNING A FEVER OF 100 DEGREES OR HIGHER!!!

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.

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.

If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher or you have COVID symptoms, please do not come to campus.

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

Our wipes are from different suppliers so please read the directions for use.

Rad Tech students will follow **purple and pink** circles to their destinations: purple Jefferson and pink Madison.

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

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

BLS and Polysomnographic 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 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday 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 8:30am-5:00pm on the sixth floor of Jefferson.



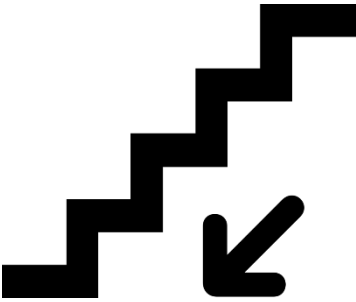
PLEASE CLEAN YOUR WORK AREA BEFORE AND AFTER USE!! WIPES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED!!

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
8:30am-5:00pm



YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30am-5:00pm

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.

If you are going to the fourth floor Administrative Offices, take stairs to the 4th floor and exit the stairwell at the 4th floor.

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

If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher, please do not come to the College and monitor for further COVID symptoms and contact your Primary Care Provider (PCP).

SPRING SEMESTER
2021 SCHEDULE

Spring semester is nearing completion. The faculty, staff and administration wish everyone best wishes for the remaining weeks of the semester.

Please reach out to the student success center if you need any assistance. The tutors and advisors stand at the ready to assist.



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

April 19-April 23, 2021

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 they will be happy to assist you.



Happy Administrative Professional's Week

April 21, 2021 is Administrative Professional's Day

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.

Virtual Clothesline Project in Recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Mercy College is offering an opportunity for the college community to participate virtually in The Clothesline Project, a visual display of the impact of interpersonal violence and abuse. These t-shirts have been created by survivors and other caring individuals to symbolize those that have suffered from domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, physical assault or death. The Clothesline Project offers a voice to those affected by interpersonal violence and abuse and demonstrates the strength of survivors and their loved ones to keep going.

We invite students, staff and faculty to participate by designing a shirt to be included anonymously in a campus-wide slideshow. This experience is often seen as healing for those who create the shirts.

The deadline for submitting shirts for the slideshow is Friday, April 30, 2021. Instructions and templates for the shirts are located in The Student Success Center Canvas Course in the Counseling Module https://mercycollege.instructure.com/courses/626/pages/the-virtual-clothesline-project?module_item_id=231136

For more information or for questions, please contact Suzanne Hall at suzanne.hall1@mercycollege.edu

Commencement Plans

Toledo – Commencement will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Associate and Certificate candidates for graduation will participate in the 1pm ceremony along with their guests. Baccalaureate and Master candidates for graduation will participate in the 4pm ceremony along with their guests. Candidates for graduation (in full regalia) and their guests should come to the cathedral fully outfitted to participate in the commencement ceremony. You and your guests will be escorted to a reserved pew. Your honor cord, (*if applicable*), diploma or certificate and master hood will be placed in the pew. Hand sanitizer and Mercy College masks will be provided in the pews although all participants and their guests must be wearing a mask upon entry to the Cathedral. A photographer will be at the Cathedral to take pictures and depending on the COVID numbers at the time, the candidates for graduation will proceed to the front of the church with diploma in hand to have their picture taken with the College President and Chair of the Board of Trustees. A second picture will be taken (only) with the graduate at a separate location in the Cathedral. Once both photographs are taken the graduate will return to their seat.

A soloist will be present at the ceremony and we ask that all participants and their guests refrain from singing during the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the ceremony each family will be escorted from the Cathedral to avoid a mass exodus.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and look forward to a safe and healthy commencement ceremony for everyone.

Youngstown – Commencement will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at St. Columba Cathedral at 6pm. Youngstown will only have one ceremony, but all other instructions apply as outlined for Toledo.

Board of Trustees approves tuition freeze until August 2023

Follow story using this link: <https://mercycollege.edu/news/mercy-college-extends-tuition-freeze-until-august-of-2023>

Summer Plans for On-campus activities

The College plans to continue with on-campus activities this summer with skills labs, simulation activities and science labs. All other work will be completed online or using digital mediated technology.

As a pilot this summer, the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) students will be meeting entirely in-person for classes and their skills labs and simulation activities. The Physician Assistant Program (MPAS) will be meeting in the online/remote environment.

The College will continue to be open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm for those faculty/staff on rotations and for those who need to visit campus for other reasons. Students will also have accessibility to the printers and study cubicles on Jefferson 6th floor during these hours to print and study.

Fall Plans for On-campus activities

Mercy College expects to increase its face-to-face on campus instruction for the fall 2021 semester. Plans are underway to provide a phased-in return following all health guidelines in place at the time. Mercy College will continue to monitor the latest information related to COVID-19 and communicate all updates to the College Community.

Mindwise, an online behavioral health screening, has launched

Mercy College has added a new, completely anonymous online tool to assist students, faculty and staff with screening their overall behavioral health - including mental health, substance use and more. The link to connect to Mindwise can be found on the [Counseling and Wellness page](#) on the Mercy College website as well in the [Student Success Center Module in Canvas](#) under Counseling and Wellness. Just click on the green button to begin. Participants will be directed to college, community, and online resources if desired. Please contact Ann Bair (Youngstown) or Suzanne Hall (Toledo) with any questions or concerns.

New Pay Rate for Federal Work-Study Student Workers at Toledo Campus

Did you know you can begin your Mercy Health career as a Federal Work-Study student worker at Mercy College? ***Effective immediately, Federal Work-Study student workers will be paid \$15.00 per hour.*** Important note – students must pass the Mercy Health hiring requirements that include a background check and drug test.

Federal Work-Study is need-based aid available to students enrolled at least half-time (must have a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file to determine financial need) and enrolled in a Toledo campus degree program (certificate students do not qualify). There is no guarantee of job placement, and typical jobs are approximately 10 to 20 hours per week. Please complete the [job application](#) as soon as possible. Remember to include your resume. Positions are currently open in the Enrollment, Allied Health, and Student Affairs Divisions.

Questions should be directed to the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@mercycollege.edu or 419-251-1219.