

MERCY NEWS

February 22, 2021



Welcome to Week 7 of Spring Semester 2021!

February 22-28, 2021

Celebrating Black History Month!

TEMP CHECK Stations Ending 2/19/2021.
New attestation form coming for students!

Mercy College Week 7!

Welcome to Week 7 of the Spring 2021 semester. **This is the seventh 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."

Celebrating Black History Month and taken from the BSMH website:

"Let the Church proclaim to all that the sin of racism defiles the image of God and degrades the sacred dignity of humankind which has been revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation. Let all know that it is a terrible sin that mocks the cross of Christ and ridicules the Incarnation. For the brother and sister of our Brother Jesus Christ are brother and sister to us."

~ U.S. Catholic Bishops
"Brothers and Sisters to Us"
1979

We Are Called TO HEAL. TO UNITE. TO JUSTICE.

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 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 February 21, 2021, 23 students are in COVID protocol with 1 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 90 COVID+ students with 89 approved to return to campus.

The temperature check station is ending 2/19/2021. 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.

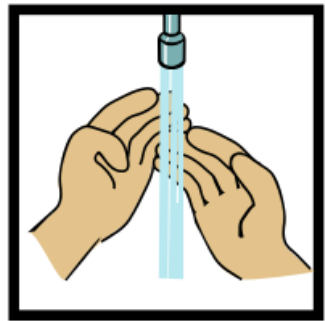
Science Lab students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

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!

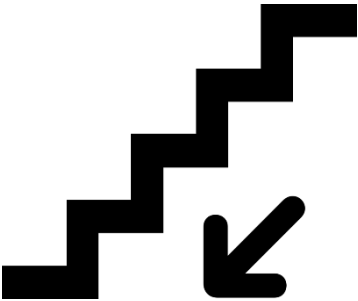


SAFETY FIRST



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
8:30am-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

Given the continuation of the pandemic, spring break is being cancelled the week of March 8-12, 2021.
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 February 22-February 26, 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.

I Dream a World

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all mankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

- Langston Hughes (Taken from XU website) – In honor of Black History Month

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.

Campus Climate Survey- \$5 Starbucks gift card just for completing!

The Ohio Department of Higher Education Campus Climate Survey is underway! The survey provides valuable feedback about the attitudes and experiences of sexual violence and harassment on our campus. Please complete the survey using the following link:https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Mercy_2020_Student_Campus_Climate_Survey

Every participant will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

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.

2020 Tax Form 1098-T is now available online

Your 2020 1098-T forms are now available. This form is used by eligible educational institutions to report qualified tuition expenses to the IRS as well as scholarships and/or grants as required by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. You will need to use this tax form if you are claiming your educational expenses as a deduction on your 2020 taxes.

The IRS now requires educational institutions to use Box 1 – Payments Received rather than Box 2 – Amount Billed. The qualified tuition expenses reported on this form are payments received by the College for tuition and certain fees only. These payments do not include books, health insurance, supplies or other non-academic charges. As a result, the amount shown may be less than the total amount you paid to Mercy College.

The 1098-T is available on the web on your Empower Me account. Once you have logged in, click on the Student Billing tab and choose the link to the 1098-T form. To ensure your information is secure, paper copies are not mailed. If you cannot log in to your Empower account, please contact the Registrar’s office at 419-251-1474 to reset your account.

Mercy College cannot answer tax questions. Please consult your tax advisor for advice on how to account for education-related expenses for 2020.

Please contact the Business Office if you have any questions regarding information on the 1098-T form at 419-251-2025 or email bursar@mercycollege.edu

**** Please note that 2020 Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF/CARES ACT Grants) are not reported on Form 1098-T. Any student who received CARES ACT funds should note that these are not considered taxable income and they are not reported on Form 1098-T.**

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.

Youngstown neurosurgeon reflects on Black History Month

For Kene Ugokwe, MD, a neurosurgeon with Mercy Health – Youngstown, Black History Month is a time to pause and reflect on the significant contributions of African Americans to not just healthcare but to the overall improvement of everyday life.

"I am most proud of the fact that the rest of the nation and people of all races and cultures join African Americans in acknowledging and celebrating the role that African Americans have played in the history and development of our great nation," said Dr. Ugokwe.

"Even though we spend the month of February celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans and the history of Blacks in America, I want people to understand that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in fostering unity, racial equality and harmony amongst all races and cultures in the United States, and we must all do our part to contribute to achieving this goal," said Dr. Ugokwe.

"Diversity improves the way we deliver healthcare because we serve a diverse population and the patients that we serve feel more comfortable when they see a healthcare provider that looks like them. They feel like the healthcare provider who looks like them has walked in their shoes and can understand their life experiences and as a result they tend to open up more to these providers," he said. (Taken from BSMH website. Celebrating Black History Month).

