Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

MERCY NEWS

February 8, 2021



Spring Semester 2021!

February 8-14, 2021

Celebrating Black History Month!

Cares Act II Funding – Urgent Message coming tomorrow from the President – 2/9/2021

Mercy College Week 5!

Welcome to Week 5 of the Spring 2021 semester. **This is the fifth 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.**

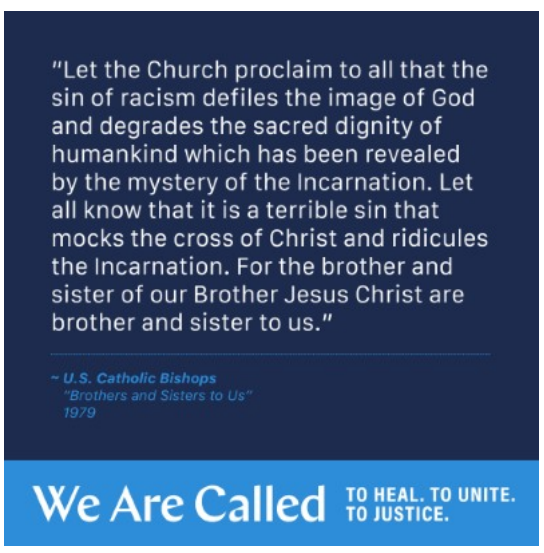
Since we remain under pandemic protocol, all didactic/lecture content will continue in the online environment during spring semester.

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**:*



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**.*

To register for RAVE visit https://mercycollege.edu/student-affairs/rave-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 7, 2021, 32 students are in COVID protocol with 4 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 89 COVID+ students with 85 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 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.

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.

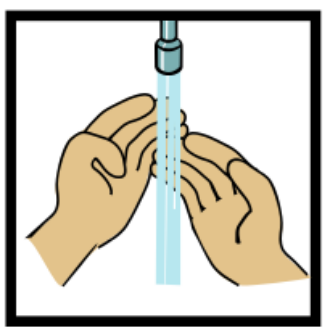
Science Lab students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

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!!

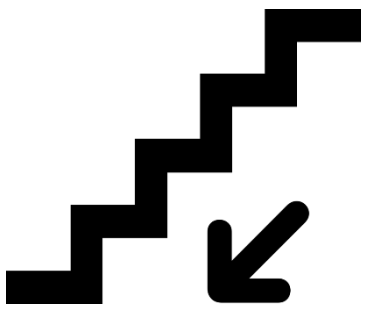
PLEASE CHECK MONITORS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!





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; 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.
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 8-February 12, 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.

Prayer for Preparation to Study

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.
Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.
Help me to focus on my books and notes,
keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use
of this time that is available to me.
Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying,
and help me to remember it when the time comes.
Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study
and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.
Help me always to use them in such a way
that they honor you and do justice to myself. (XU website)

- A Salesian Prayer

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.

Federal Work-Study job openings - Toledo Campus

Toledo students - would you like to begin your employment within the Mercy Health system as a student? You can begin your Mercy Health career as a Federal Work-Study student worker at Mercy College. 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 at $10.00 per hour. Important note – you must pass the Mercy Health hiring requirements (includes a background check and drug test).

Please complete the job application as soon as possible. Remember to include your resume. Positions are currently open in the Enrollment Division and Student Affairs Division**.**

Movies for Mental Health Online Workshop

On February 17, 2021, at 4 pm we are partnering with Art with Impact to host a Movies for Mental Health Online workshop! This two-hour program uses short films to engage students around the topic of mental health.

The Movies for Mental Health Workshop will present three award-winning short films that explore the topic of mental health, provide opportunities for discussion, and connect attendees with wellness resources available to them. There will be a panel of campus and community mental health resources, as well as student speakers, who each get the opportunity to share their mental health stories and talk about what support and wellness look like for them.

All students who participate will earn a $10 Amazon card. Please register to attend the event here:

We are also looking for students to join the panel for this event. If you are interested in being on the panel or would like more information, please email me (lisa.sancrant@mercycollege.edu). We would love to have Mercy College students join our panel and help us create a culture in which everyone feels empowered to speak openly about their lived experiences. Your story is important, and this is a great opportunity to share your own resilience with your peers!

Lenten Reflection books are now available!

Deepen your reflection during Lent this year. Mercy College Campus Ministry is offering Liguori Publication Daybreaks: Daily Reflections booklet to Mercy College students, faculty, and staff for their prayer and reflection during the Lenten and Easter season.

Please complete the request form by February 10 and a booklet will be mailed at no cost to you.
Request Form Link:

Curious about this year's reflection booklet? Find out more information here

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.