

Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

MERCY NEWS

January 11, 2021



**Welcome Students,
Faculty, and Staff to Spring
Semester 2021!**

January 11-17, 2021

Mercy College Week 1!

Welcome to Week 1 of the Spring 2021 semester. **This is the first 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.

Welcome NEW and RETURNING STUDENTS!! Thanks to everyone who followed all the safety guidelines during fall semester to ensure a safe and healthy environment. safety guidelines in place at the College.

This week the hours at the College are Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm unless you are scheduled for an evening or weekend class.

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.

We begin 2021, hoping for a better year as 2020 was fraught with the COVID-19 crisis and racial and social injustices, and this past week with the crisis at the Capitol. **This all continues into 2021 so we must maintain our patience and strength during this time.**

In a quote by Catherine McAuley, “We must strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well.”

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.

The College areas most used by faculty, staff, and students during first semester were sprayed and fogged with disinfectant during the break. 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. There will be a test of the Mercy College Rave alert system on Tuesday, January 19 at noon. 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 January 4, 2021, 7 students are in COVID protocol with 4 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 76 COVID+ students with 72 approved to return to campus.

NO CLASSES MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

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.

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.

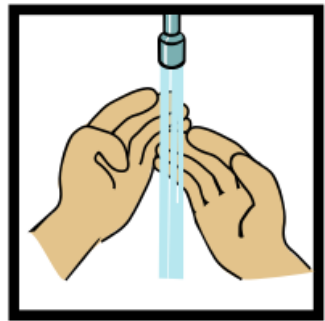
Science Lab students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

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



Safety Starts Here...

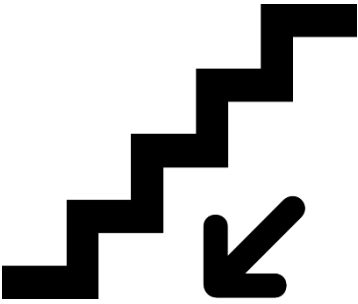
Think Safe...

Work Safe...

Be Safe

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. 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 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 January 11-January 15, 2021

SPRING CLASSES

The College will 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. 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. Mercy College’s school code is 030970-00. If you have questions, please contact the financial aid office at financialaid@mercycollege.edu and we will be happy to assist you.

Welcome Back Students, Faculty, and Staff – Spring Semester 2021

A New Year Prayer for Wisdom

God, Give me wisdom from your truths, fill me with a desire to faithfully follow you, more than any other thing. Thank you that you are far greater than whatever I may face in the day. Thank you that your presence goes with me, and that your joy is never dependent on circumstances, but it is my true and lasting strength. I ask for your peace to lead me and for your grace and goodness to cover my life this day. Let your Spirit and power breathe in me and through me again, fresh and new. Amen.

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.

2021 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration (Taken from the Toledo Mayor’s Friday, January 8, 2021 Update)

The City of Toledo's Human Relations Commission and the University of Toledo will be co-hosting the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration beginning at **10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18.**

Join us at [this link](#) or on Facebook Live, facebook.com/cityoftoledo for a special virtual celebration featuring keynote speaker and author, Austin Channing Brown in celebration of Blackness and recognize the possibility of racial justice in organizations and communities.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
UNITY DAY 2021



I’m Still Here

JOIN KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND AUTHOR
Austin Channing Brown in a virtual celebration of Blackness and recognize the possibility of racial justice in organizations and communities.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Please join the Mission Integration Committee in celebrating [The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#): January 18—24, 2021. Daily meditations will be sent via email. Join us on the final day, Monday, January 25 at 10:00 am, for a brief reflection and prayer on Zoom. Here is the link for the reflection <https://bsmh.zoom.us/j/4215251705>

Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 18, 2021 – NO CLASSES – Faculty and Students do not report/meet. College open for normal business operations.