

# MERCY NEWS

March 15, 2021



Welcome to Week 10 of Spring Semester -  
March 15-March 21, 2021

Celebrating Women's History Month!

New student attestation form sent from Office  
of Student Records!! Please sign!!

Did you change your clock? – Daylight  
Savings has begun.

CARES ACT FUNDING – URGENT  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT COMING  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021.

Mercy College Week 10!

**Welcome to Week 10** of the Spring 2021 semester. **This is the tenth 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 Women's History Month:**  
**There are many resources at the following link:**

<https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

**Celebrating the history of the Sisters of Mercy at the following link:**

<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/about-us/our-history/>

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](http://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 March 14, 2021, 7 students are in COVID protocol with 0 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 91 COVID+ students with 91 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.

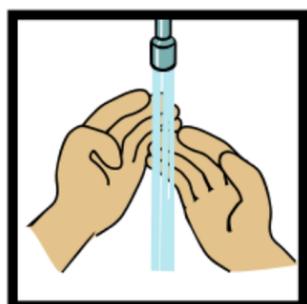
**Science Lab** students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

**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.



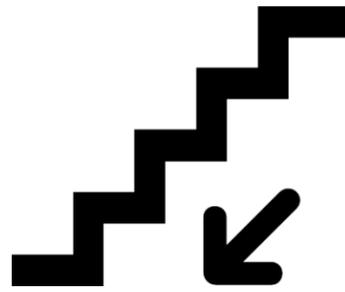
**PLEASE CLEAN YOUR WORK AREA BEFORE AND AFTER USE!! WIPES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED!!**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and proceed directly to the Skills Lab.

If you are going to the fourth floor Administrative Offices, take stairs to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and exit the stairwell at the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Remaining **DAYS OFF** during Spring Semester.

Friday, April 2, 2021: **CLASSES CANCELLED, and COLLEGE CLOSED.**

Monday, April 5, 2021: **CLASSES CANCELLED, and Business Operations of the College will be open.**



**WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Please visit the Mercy College webpage at [www.mercycollege.edu/covid19](http://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 March 15-March 19, 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](http://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](mailto:financialaid@mercycollege.edu) and they will be happy to assist you.

**Prayer for Women's History Month**

Let us pray  
 We remember that March is Women's History Month.  
 Thank you for all the cherished women in our lives and in our histories: mothers, sisters, friends and neighbors.  
 God, may women across the globe continue to be empowered, knowing the love you offer.

- Written by Sojourners (Taken from XU website)

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY – MARCH 17, 2021**



**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](mailto:studentsuccesscenter@mercycollege.edu)

[registrar@mercycollege.edu](mailto:registrar@mercycollege.edu)

[financialaid@mercycollege.edu](mailto:financialaid@mercycollege.edu)

[bursar@mercycollege.edu](mailto:bursar@mercycollege.edu)

[admissions@mercycollege.edu](mailto:admissions@mercycollege.edu)

**CAFETERIA HOURS (Toledo)**

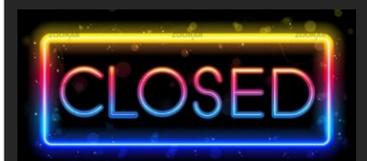
Monday – Friday  
 7:30am-1:30pm

**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.

**Student Laptop Program**

Mercy College IT has partnered with Dell to launch a new Student Laptop Program that offers substantial discounts (up to 25% off) to students who are interested in buying a Dell laptop for school. This is similar to the Member Purchase Program that already exists for faculty and staff. Students can shop from a pre-selected list of discounted laptops at <https://www.dell.com/mercycollege>. Please feel free to share that link with any students who may be looking for a computer. (Faculty and staff can use that same link to access those deals as well as the full Dell catalog. There is a 17% off sale happening now for a wide range of technology.)

**Windows 10 Update**

All Windows 10 computers will soon be upgraded to a newer version of Windows 10. This upgrade is scheduled to occur April 5 - 26 and will ensure that we continue to run on a supported version of the operating system. Your applications, favorites, and documents will not be affected. It will be a rolling update starting at 11pm and you will know in advance what day your upgrade is scheduled. The computer must be left on and connected to the Internet, but a VPN connection is not needed. This will allow your computer to update overnight rather than interrupting your work during business hours. More detailed information will be coming soon.

**Stations of the Cross prayer service (Virtual) Tuesday, March 30 at Noon**

Join the Mercy College community for prayer & reflection as we journey with Jesus through his final hours.

Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/38cns7k> to receive the Zoom link. Note: registrations received within 30 minutes of start time may not receive the Zoom link in time for the service. View flyer [here](#).

**Mercy Health Toledo Student Nurse Extern Hiring Event - March 18**

Mercy Health Toledo is hosting a student nurse extern hiring event on Thursday, March 18th for current nursing students who have completed 1 (or are currently completing their first) clinical rotation! Everyone that works at Mercy Health is called to make a difference with their career – join them at the hiring event to learn how you can make a difference! Register here today: <https://tinyurl.com/yy782xa8>.

**Who?**

- Current Nursing Students who have completed 1 clinical rotation or those who are currently completing their 1st clinical rotation

**What?**

- Open interviews with hospital leaders from Mercy Health. Attendees could receive "on-the-spot" job offers!
- Our Student Nurse Extern positions are PRN and flexible with your school schedules
- Gain professional and hands-on experience within your future career!

**When?**

- Thursday, March 18th
- 25-minute interviews between:
  - o 9:00am - 11:00am
  - o 1:00pm - 3:00pm
  - o 4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Where?**

- Anywhere!! These will be virtual video interviews 😊

How do I sign up?

- Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy782xa8>

- Once you RSVP, a member of the Talent Acquisition team will contact you directly to discuss next steps.

If you have questions or would like more information, contact Emily Dewey at 419.250.4068 or [ehall@mercy.com](mailto:ehall@mercy.com).

To learn more about Mercy Health Text Keyword: Mercy Health. Learn More to 513-993-5285 or Visit: <https://www.mercy.com/about-us/careers>

**Empower Responsive Design**

Empower has been working to convert their web pages to a responsive design format. A responsive design allows the pages to resize gracefully for the device being used, such as a phone, tablet, or computer. One of the more noticeable changes is an improvement to the menu system which features cascading menus instead of mega-menus. **The responsive design will be enabled for Empower Me on Monday, March 8.** If you notice any issues related to this change, please contact the College IT department. Thank you!

**Campus Climate Survey- \$5 Starbucks gift card just for completing OPEN until March 19, 2021!**

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](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](mailto:financialaid@mercycollege.edu) or 419-251-1219.

**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.