

# MERCY NEWS

March 29, 2021



Welcome to Week 12 of Spring Semester -  
March 29-April 4, 2021

Celebrating Women's History Month!

College Closed on Friday, April 2, 2021 and  
Classes Cancelled Monday, April 5, 2021.  
Enjoy your four-day weekend!!

Commencement plans continue for May 7,  
2021 in Toledo and May 10, 2021 in  
Youngstown.

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## Mercy College Week 12!

**Welcome to Week 12** of the Spring 2021 semester. **This is the twelfth 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 28, 2021, 19 students are in COVID protocol with 2 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 93 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.

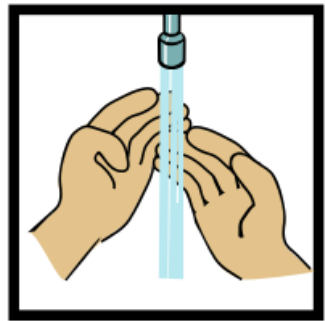
**Science Lab** students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

**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!**

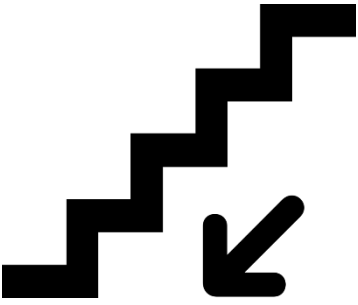


## SAFETY FIRST



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 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 29-April 1, 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)

Welcome to Spring!!



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.



**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](#).

**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>

**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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> floor during these hours to print and study.

Plans for fall are underway with an announcement coming very soon!

**An Easter Message**

As Easter is upon us, let us reflect on the words taken from the Sisters of Mercy website at the following link:  
<http://www.sistersofmercy.org/blog/2016/03/28/expressions-of-easter-gerard-manley-hopkins/>

*By Sister Mary Daly on March 28, 2016*

*Each Monday through Pentecost we will share reflections on Easter through the lens of art, music and poetry from someone in the Mercy family. Sister Mary Daly serves and ministers in Madison, Connecticut, on the beautiful grounds of Mercy by the Sea retreat and conference center.*

*Dame, at our door*

*Drowned, and among our shoals,  
Remember us in the roads, the heaven-haven of the Reward:*

...

*Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east,  
More brightening ... as his reign rolls ....*

— *Excerpt from “Wreck of the Deutschland,” by Gerard Manley Hopkins*

After a seven-year hiatus in his writing of poetry, Gerard Manley Hopkins once more took up his pen. The occasion was the drowning of five Franciscan nuns in the wreck of their boat, the Deutschland, off the coast of England. Hopkins concludes the long poem with this plea, directed to the Mother Superior of the group, who as the storm raged wildly was heard to cry, “Christ, come quickly!” In the midst of dying, a call for life! Hopkins hears her cry in the context of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises where Christ is to be found in all things. He hears her embrace of Christ in the moment of her death.

**In one of her Easter letters Catherine McAuley (founder of the Sisters of Mercy) wrote, “Pray for your portion of the Easter Grace ... do not give up until all is given you.” Catherine often encouraged her sisters to bear their portion of Christ’s cross. Now she prays for the life that is gained through the bearing of that cross.**

**Christianity is about life and love. In our contemplation of the mystery of God, life and death are intertwined because of love. In Jesus, God’s own self experiences that inseparable link and on Easter God in Jesus bearing the wounds of death rises gloriously to life!**

We who wear the mantle of Mercy tend the wounds of that Risen Christ, the wounds we find in our neighborhoods, our schools and homes, our streets, in our oceans and waterways, our businesses, our earth and in ourselves. We meet wounded people, wounded society and political practices, wounded earth. It is tiring, often discouraging. We frequently seem to make no progress.



Credit: Sisters of IHM, Scranton, PA

And yet it is the Risen Christ that we meet and celebrate in our merciful actions reaching toward us outstretched wounded hands. So in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we grasp these wounded hands and hold fast our portion of the Easter grace. We pull to us that Christ who will Easter in us, be that dayspring to our dimness, that “crimson-cresseted east” that gives us hope and life for a new day.

Easter Life is renewed life, different from the old life, because it is filled with hope and courage even in our woundedness. We are life-filled in facing the many facets of death. We are empowered to not “give up till all is given us.”

Reflection

Where has hope touched you? What helps you, in Pope Francis’ words, to be “mercy-ing”?