

# Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

August 9, 2021



## Welcome to Week 13 of Summer Semester!

Contact Jennifer Barber, College Health Nurse if you have COVID or COVID-like symptoms. [Jennifer.barber@mercycollege.edu](mailto:Jennifer.barber@mercycollege.edu).

College Health Nurse changing for fall semester. Karla Vitte has agreed to assume this position beginning August 23, 2021.

COVID vaccine sites noted in this newsletter on p. 5.

NOTE: PA students begin classes on August 23, 2021 and the remainder of the student body begins classes on August 30, 2021.

## Welcome to Week 13!

**Welcome to Week Thirteen of Summer 2021 semester. This is the thirteenth 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 summer semester. The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Students (ABSN) are participating entirely on-campus this summer.

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.”*



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 summer allergy season here and the pandemic continuing – the College will provide the most current numbers (includes Toledo and Youngstown), noting that the numbers change frequently. As of August 1, 2021, 1 student is in COVID protocol with 0 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 104 COVID+ students with 104 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 for the remainder of the summer. Campus will resume in-person classes beginning August 23, 2021 with safety precautions in place.

Written by Dr. Susan Wajert

Toledo Directions for Entry

The College will open for in-person classes on Monday, August 23, 2021 for Physician Assistant Students and on August 30, 2021 for the remainder of the student body.

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.

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.

The new Delta variant is spreading quickly among those who are unvaccinated and some of those vaccinated are experiencing breakthrough infections. Please let's keep everyone safe!!

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 to their destination.

Science Lab students will follow yellow circles to their destination.

EMT/Paramedic students and Polysomnographic students will follow orange circles to their destination, except PSG Madison students will follow red to their destination.

Phlebotomy and CED 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

All computer labs/spaces and study areas will be open for student use. Please make sure to wipe your study spaces down after use so they are clean for the next person. Please limit copying to 100 pages or less so that everyone may print.



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

PLEASE CHECK MONITORS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

2nd floor Madison study rooms will remain closed. Signage will be posted.

All other lounge areas/study rooms on 5th floor Madison and study cubicles on 6th floor Jefferson will be open.

The new Learning Commons will be open for study with the three team-based collaborative rooms open to students for team-based work and project work. These rooms are not for individual study.

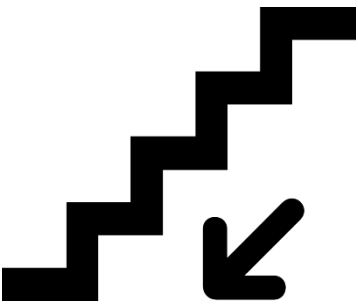


SAFETY FIRST



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

Beginning August 23, 2021 college hours will be 5am-1am Monday-Friday and 8am-5pm Saturday and Sunday.



YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30am-5:00pm

Beginning August 30, 2021

6am-11pm Monday-Sunday

STUDENT SERVICES



All student services will continue to be provided in the online/remote environment, but some services will be provided in-person. It is highly suggested that appointments be made for in-person visits with student services.

All safety protocol must be followed in these circumstances.

All open/congregate spaces on-campus will be OPEN.



Please continue to wear masks, practice at least 3 feet of social distancing and wash hands frequently.

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 *three* 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).

Please use good hand hygiene and/or hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer stations are on walls and will be placed in classrooms and labs.



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

August 9-August 13, 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 fall 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.

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God  
This summer  
In whatever you do  
Wherever you go

Walking with God means...  
Walking with honesty  
And with courage,  
Walking with love  
And respect  
And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God  
This summer  
And every day and  
In every situation

Talking with God means...  
Praying words of praise  
For the beauty of creation  
Saying prayers of thanks  
For friends and good times,  
Asking God's help  
In all your decisions  
Expressing sorrow  
When you have failed

May you talk with God  
Every day. Amen.

- Author unknown (Taken from Xavier University website)

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. In-person meetings may be held by appointment.

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.



### **Summer Textbook Buyback Event**

The textbook buy back event for material purchased from Matthews will run from Monday, Aug. 9, 2021 through Friday, August 27, 2021. It will be an online-only event, and there will be a link on the Matthews website beginning Aug. 9 with instructions about what you can sell back and how to go about it. Thank you.

### **RSVP for Alumni & Friends Weekend!**

Students are invited to attend all Alumni and Friends Weekend 2021 events! [See events and details here!](#) To register, order an Alumni & Friends Weekend shirt, or purchase 50/50 tickets, complete the [online form](#) at by Wednesday, September 1 or contact Hannah Bohn at [alumni@mercycollege.edu](mailto:alumni@mercycollege.edu) or 419-251-8993. Events are free unless otherwise noted.

### **Mercy College awarded a \$2,146,905 Nursing Workforce Diversity grant**

Mercy College was awarded a \$2,146,905 Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. The grant will support students in Mercy College's associate and bachelor's degree nursing programs from July of 2021 through June of 2025.

Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds include racial and ethnic minorities that are underrepresented among registered nurses and those from rural residential areas and/or low-socioeconomic areas. The grant will be used to provide scholarships and stipends for program participants, cultural competence training for Mercy College faculty and staff, and increased support services. Increased services include but are not limited to a comprehensive and robust program of mentoring, tutoring, increased NCLEX-RN preparation, and engagement activities.

Incoming and continuing Mercy College nursing students (associate and bachelor's degree-seeking) interested in participating in Mercy College's Nursing Workforce Diversity program should contact their admissions officer or academic advisor to obtain more information about this grant or to be notified when the application opens [complete this form](#).

Susan Wajert, PhD, President of Mercy College, says, "We believe this will support our efforts to recruit and retain underrepresented individuals in our nursing programs and increase the number of nurses who are from underrepresented populations. These support services can be the difference in students completing their courses, obtaining licensure, and successfully launching their careers as nurses."

### **Fitness Centers to re-open!!**

Marc Adkins and/or Sherri Boggs will be sending an email soon regarding the re-opening of the College fitness center.

### **BSMH COVID-19 Precautions Continue**

**Bon Secours Mercy Health on May 24, 2021, announced that all associates (including students) even if vaccinated will continue to be required to wear masks, social distance and practice good handwashing while at the College. Thank you.**

### **Mercy College Food Pantry**

Not sure where your next meal is coming from? Struggling to put food on the table this semester? You're not alone. 1 in 3 Mercy College students have experienced food insecurity in the last 30 days. We can help. The Mercy College Food Pantry has food and resources available at any time. Find out more information at [www.mercycollege.edu/foodpantry](http://www.mercycollege.edu/foodpantry) or contact us at [foodpantry@mercycollege.edu](mailto:foodpantry@mercycollege.edu).

### **Updated Fall Plans for On-campus activities**

All faculty, staff, and students will enter the College through the Jefferson entrance. Please park on the Jefferson side of the building. Masks will be required for all on-campus activities. If you do not have a mask or forget your mask, please ask the receptionist at the front desk who will have some extra masks.

**Student lounges and study rooms will re-open on August 23, 2021 in both Toledo and Youngstown. The second floor Madison building study rooms in Toledo will remain closed. All others will open.** Please use at least three feet of social distancing. Physician Assistant students begin classes on August 23, 2021 and all other students begin classes on August 30, 2021.

Current signage will remain in place for elevators, restrooms, etc.

**In Toledo**, the hours of operation for fall semester students who wish to study on campus in study rooms or cubicles will be 5am-1am Monday through Friday and the College will be open from 8am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday for those who wish to study in study rooms or cubicles. Students who need to enter earlier than 8am on the weekends will be able to use their badges to access the College through the Jefferson entrance under the blue canopy.

**In Youngstown**, the campus will be open 6am-11pm Monday through Sunday and available via badge access during those hours.

The receptionists at the front desk in Toledo will be working 24 hours per day/seven days per week. The receptionists are staffed by Towne Park.

As a gentle reminder: COVID vaccinations may be required by some clinical agencies. At this time BSMH does not require the COVID vaccination, but as more and more healthcare agencies are requiring the vaccine, BSMH **may require** the vaccine at some point in the near future. Please see the information on p. 5 for walk-in vaccination clinics.

### **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 Suzanne Hall with any questions or concerns.

### **Interim Director of Compliance and Risk Management**

Betsy Cardwell from Youngstown will serve as the Interim Director of Compliance and Risk Management and will oversee Title IX and Clery compliance. Betsy can be reached at [Elizabeth.Cardwell1@mercycollege.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Cardwell1@mercycollege.edu).


### **Summertime Toledo**

Check out youth and other activities at Summertime Toledo using the following link:

<https://cdn.toledo.oh.gov/uploads/documents/Guide-to-Summer-Programs.pdf?mtime=20210527224637&focal=none>

COVID-19

COVID-19 cases are up in Ohio. As the virus spreads, remember that the best way to prevent severe illness is to get vaccinated. The vaccines are safe, effective, free, and available to all Ohioans 12 and older. Get vaccinated today: [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov).



## COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

Walk-In Schedule: **Week of August 9**

### Monday, August 9

- **Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept., 9a-7p**  
635 N. Erie St., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J/Moderna)
- **The Shops at Fallen Timbers, 10a-6p**  
3100 Main St., Maumee (Pfizer/J&J)

### Tuesday, August 10

- **Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept., 9a-4p**  
635 N. Erie St., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J/Moderna)
- **Westbrook Village, 10a-3p**  
5702 Angola Ave., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J)

### Wednesday, August 11

- **Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept., 9a-4p**  
635 N. Erie St., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J/Moderna)
- **Westgate Farmers' Market, 2p-7p**  
3408 West Central Ave., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J)

### Thursday, August 12

- **Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept., 9a-4p**  
635 N. Erie St., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J/Moderna)
- **Arrowhead Behavioral Health, 10a-3p**  
1725 Timberline Dr., Maumee (Pfizer/J&J)

### Friday, August 13

- **Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept., 9a-4p**  
635 N. Erie St., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J/Moderna)

### Saturday, August 14

- **VAX to School Event: TLCHD, 8a-3p**  
635 N. Erie St., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J/Moderna)
- **Community Day: Wilson Park, 9a-2p**  
3253 Otto St., Toledo (Pfizer/J&J)