

Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

July 19, 2021



Welcome to Week 10 of Summer Semester!

Contact Jennifer Barber, College Health Nurse if you have COVID or COVID-like symptoms. Jennifer.barber@mercycollege.edu.

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Welcome to Week 10!

Welcome to Week Ten of Summer 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 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.

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 July 19, 2021, 13 students are in COVID protocol with 1 COVID + under the direction of Jennifer Barber, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 104 COVID+ students with 103 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** 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

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

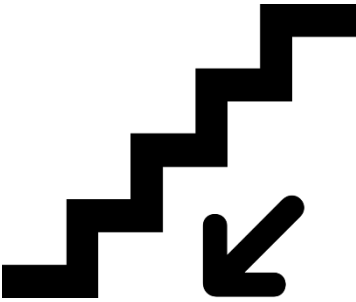


Safety Starts Here

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.

If you are going to the fourth floor Administrative Offices, take stairs to the 4th floor and exit the stairwell at the 4th 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).



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](#)

July 19-July 23, 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. 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.

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. 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.

Welcome to Summer Semester 2021!!

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, Vice-President of Student Affairs will be sending an email soon regarding the re-opening of the College fitness center.

Job Openings for Federal Work-Study Student Workers - Toledo Campus

Did you know you can begin your Mercy Health career as a federal work-study student worker at Mercy College? Mercy College is looking to hire new student workers for the upcoming fall semester. Mercy College federal work-study student workers are paid \$15.00 per hour.

Federal Work-Study is need-based aid available to students enrolled at least half-time (must have a 2021-22 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. Important note – you must pass the Mercy Health hiring requirements (which includes background check and drug test).

Please complete the job application, [available on the Financial Aid webpage](#), as soon as possible. Remember to include your resume.

Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office at the information below.

Financial Aid Office

419-251-1219

financialaid@mercycollege.edu

Youngstown Location to close in December 2023

The week of June 8, 2021, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the recommendation made by Mercy Health Youngstown Administration to close the Youngstown location. Mercy Health Youngstown will partner with another local university to offer the Associate Degree in Nursing. Mercy College of Ohio, Youngstown location will admit its last class in fall 2021. The day program will admit 96 students and the evening/weekend program will admit 32 students. The program will continue its excellence in education and all services will be provided until December 2023. The day cohort of students is expected to graduate in May 2023, and the evening/weekend cohort of students is expected to graduate in December 2023. We will continue to be Mercy Strong as we begin the Teachout and Closure process for the Youngstown location.

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 or contact us at foodpantry@mercycollege.edu.

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 6th floor during these hours to print and study. Summer classes begin Monday, May 17, 2021. Welcome to two new programs this summer: Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) and Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS). Welcome to all students starting summer 2021 classes at Mercy College of Ohio.

Fall Plans for On-campus activities

Mercy College expects to open with face-to-face instruction for the fall 2021 semester. Plans are underway to provide this return following any health guidelines in place at the time. Mercy College will continue to monitor the latest information related to COVID-19 and communicate all updates to the College Community. New guidance is coming from the state government, CDC and Bon Secours Mercy Health on a regular basis.

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.

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>