

MERCY NEWS

October 5, 2020



Welcome to Week 7!
October 5, 2020-October 11, 2020

Mercy College Week 7!

Welcome to Week 7 of the Fall 2020 semester. The sixth week of on-campus activities went well with no major incidents. **Thanks to everyone who followed all the safety guidelines. Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for students, faculty, and staff, and we also need your assistance to be successful!**

PLEASE BE SURE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR YOUR MASKS!

Our mission is to educate and inspire students to lead and to serve in the global community and by living our values of compassion, excellence, human dignity, justice, sacredness of life, and service.

This year has been fraught with the COVID-19 crisis and racial and social injustices. **Please continue to be mindful and keep our nation in your thoughts and prayers. As Catherine McAuley stated, “A community in which this universal charity reigns, is capable of surmounting all difficulties”.**



It is my sincere hope that you and your families are all well!

The seventh week of Fall semester begins October 5, 2020 with a continuation of all content (lecture material) being delivered in the online and/or digital-mediated format. On-campus activities will continue with skills labs, science labs, simulation and other activities as directed by your faculty members. Please follow their guidance.

At this time the College is prepared for clinical/preceptor experiences at many of the Mercy Health facilities as well as other area health facilities. All faculty and staff want to provide the best educational experience possible given the challenges we face so we are going to need everyone’s assistance! **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.**

FALL BREAK

The College will be in session fall break. All classes, clinicals etc. will be held. Please follow the guidance of your faculty members. The last day of on-campus activities is Tuesday, November 24, 2020. All activities after this date will take place in the online or digital-mediated format. Toledo Commencement is scheduled to be held December 17. Youngstown Commencement is scheduled to be held on December 18. More details to follow.

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.



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 October 4, 2020, the numbers are listed below:

10 students in protocol* being followed by Student Health Nurse, Jennifer Barber – 2 COVID+ and 8 persons under investigation (PUI) (awaiting test results).

Since March 2020, the College has had 21 total student COVID+ cases with 19 cleared to return.

*Guidelines outlined for students by Jennifer Barber.

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.

Verasure and Virex wipes must dry for 10 minutes to be effective

Rad Tech students will follow **purple** circles to their destination.

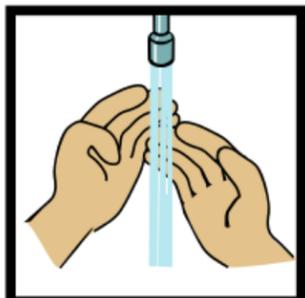
Science Lab students will follow **yellow** circles to their destination.

EMT/Paramedic students follow **orange** circles to their destination.

BLS 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 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday for student use. Please, urgent situations only and limit copying to 100 pages or less so that everyone may print.

DUE TO HEAVY USE

Five computers have been moved to the study cubicle area with a second printer for those five computers.

Study cubicles will be available for urgent situations only from 9:00am-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!

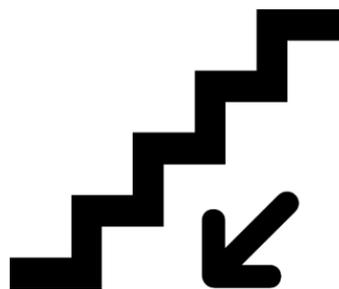


SAFETY FIRST



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
8:00am-5:00pm
(except classes that are in session after 5:00pm or on weekends).



YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00am-5:00pm
(except classes that are in session after 5:00pm or on weekends).

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.

Outside Scholarship Opportunities

The Financial Aid Office announces outside scholarship opportunities for all students. Review more information or apply for these scholarships at the links below. Both scholarships require a short essay and have a deadline of March 2021. Be sure to check them out!

Melvin Brewing \$1,000 Scholarship
<http://www.melvinbrewingscholarship.com/>

Upsolve Access to Justice \$2,500 Scholarship
<https://upsolve.org/scholarship/>

Register for Commencement

Fall 2020 graduates are invited to participate in the December 2020 commencement on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. Four ceremonies are being planned at the following times: 10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m., 4-5 p.m., and 6-7 p.m. You will be assigned to one of these ceremonies based on the number of RSVP responses and health guidelines at the time.

To RSVP for commencement, visit: <https://mercycollege.edu/forms/fall-commencement-rsvp-toledo>

[Mercy Café Menu](#) for week of October 5-9, 2020.

WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR SPRING CLASSES?

Currently, the College plans to 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. Based on the knowledge that we currently have; we are continuing in the same format being used for fall. This applies to both Toledo and Youngstown. Thank you for your understanding as we continue in the pandemic situation.

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.