

Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

MERCY NEWS

May 17, 2021



Welcome all returning and new students to Week 1 of Summer Semester 2021!!

Welcome our new Physician Assistant students and our new Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing students – two new programs beginning this summer!!!

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

Jennifer.barber@mercycollege.edu.

Welcome to Week 1!

Welcome to Week One of Summer 2021 semester. **This is the first 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 spring allergy season upon us and the pandemic continuing – the College will provide the most current numbers (includes Toledo and Youngstown), noting that the numbers change frequently. As of May 16, 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 102 COVID+ students with 102 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!



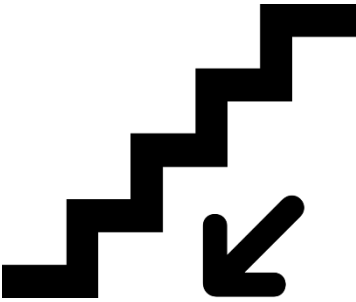
SAFETY FIRST



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](#)

May 17-May 21, 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. 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.

Leading in Our Lives

God,
we are your beloved.
Even in our unfinished state,
you take delight in what we are
and what we will become.
Help us to claim for our own your gentle leading in our lives,
help us to know you are always hoping for more for us
and from us.
Give us the strength and peace of heart
to be filled with your power.

- 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!!

Spring Textbook Buyback Event

The textbook buyback event for material purchased from Matthews will run from Monday, May 10, 2021, through Friday, May 28, 2021. It will be an online-only event, and there will be a link on the Matthews website with instructions about what you can sell back and how to go about it.

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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

This past year presented so many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency. The global pandemic forced us to cope with situations we never even imagined, and a lot of us have struggled with our mental health as a result. If you are struggling, please know that it is ok, and that you are not alone. Mercy College has mental health resources available for all students.

Free, anonymous mental health screening: <https://screening.mentalhealthscreening.org/mercycollege>

Free confidential counseling services: <https://mercycollege.edu/forms/request-counseling-services-form>

Information and resources on mental health topics: Student Success Center Canvas Course.

If you have questions about mental health services, please contact suzanne.hall1@mercycollege.edu

Want a \$5 gift card? Tell us how you're living out the Mercy College Values

How are you living out the Mercy College Values?

We are creating a video highlighting our Mercy College Values and we want to hear from you! How have you been living out the Mercy College Values this past year? We want to include your stories, thoughts, and examples. You can share what our Values mean to you or how you live them out. Perhaps you've practiced the value of Excellence by perfecting your banana bread recipe this year. Maybe you've practiced the value of service by volunteering to administer vaccines. You might have seen the value of Human Dignity as you worked with patients or colleagues. You can also share what the Values mean to you if you don't have a specific example in mind. If you have a picture of yourself putting the Mercy College Values into practice, we'll take that too! You can submit your comments and thoughts at:

<https://mercycollege.wufoo.com/forms/sl1enilzv1qtfyl7/>

The first 25 submissions that provide a comment for at least one Value and include their Mercy College email address will receive a \$5 gift card of their choice to Amazon or Starbucks, as a thank you.

Survey responses are due by May 21, 2021.

If you have questions, please contact Annie Devine at annie.devine@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 increase its face-to-face on campus instruction for the fall 2021 semester. Plans are underway to provide a phased-in return following all 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.

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.