

# MERCY NEWS

March 28, 2022



Welcome to the second semester of the 2021-2022 academic year at Mercy College of Ohio.

The College Health Nurse for spring semester beginning January 10, 2022 is Karla Vitte. Please contact her at [karla.vitte@mercycollege.edu](mailto:karla.vitte@mercycollege.edu) if you have any exposure, symptoms, etc. of COVID.

All ground-based and/or hybrid program students and clinical students should have their first dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or the one dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Deadline date was Friday, March 25, 2022!



(image from nt.usembassy.gov)

## Mercy College Week 11!

**Welcome to Week 11** of the Spring 2022 semester. In-person and on-campus activities continue for spring semester. We will be monitoring the current situation very closely in case changes have to be made. Masks will be required while in the building. Please also continue to use good hand hygiene. Students will participate in their clinical and practicum experiences as directed by their faculty members.

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.

**STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF:** Please be aware that Mercy Protective Services will ticket vehicles that are taking up more than one parking space and/or parked in physician spaces or patient spaces in the clinic parking areas.

**PLEASE PARK IN THE JEFFERSON PARKING GARAGE AND DRIVE SLOWLY!** Pedestrians are walking to their cars!!



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 spring allergy season upon us – the College will provide the most current numbers (includes Toledo and Youngstown), noting that the numbers change frequently. As of March 27, 2022, 2 students are in COVID protocol with 2 COVID + under the direction of Karla Vitte, college health nurse.

Since March 2020, there have been 216 COVID+ students with 218 approved to return to campus.



# Campus Open with Safety Precautions in Place

Written by Dr. Susan Wajert

The College opened for in-person classes on Monday, January 10, 2022.

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 throughout campus 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, and contact the college health nurse.

**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.

**(PLEASE DISREGARD COLOR CODING (not currently being used))**  
**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**

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 ARE PROVIDED!!**



**2nd floor Madison study rooms will remain closed for the spring semester.**

**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.

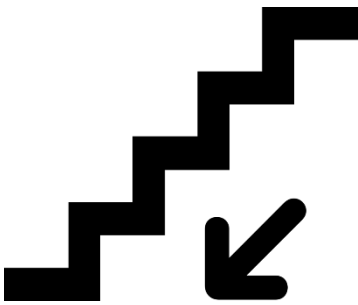
**These rooms are not for individual study.**

**PLEASE CHECK MONITORS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**



**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, 5am-1am and Saturday and Sunday, 8am-5pm



**YOUNGSTOWN COLLEGE HOURS**

Sunday-Monday, 6am-11pm

**STUDENT SERVICES**



All student services will be provided in the online/remote environment, but some services will be offered 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.**



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 28-April 1, 2022

Spring Semester Continues into Week 11!!

A Prayer for Women's History

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.

The Hope of Spring

God, thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.  
Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth.  
Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.  
This is what our calendar says, and we do see some signs that it is real.  
But we also still struggle with the residual layover of winter.  
Now we ask that you bring into reality all that belongs in this season. Your word says that we will have provision, and hope, and joy, and health and loving relationships here and now in this life.  
We ask that what belongs in this season would become actual in our practical lives.  
We hope in you and in your promises. We hope in your gift of Spring.

- Author Unknown

(Both prayers 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. Please schedule an appointment for an in-person visit.

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.



**Volunteer with the Alumni Association!**

The Mercy Alumni Association is in need of volunteers on Sunday, April 3 at 3:15pm at the Huntington Center for the Walleye vs Kalamazoo game. Volunteers will be assigned to a food/beverage station to take orders and serve customers. Volunteer time is approximately 3-4 hours.

Proceeds from the volunteer event will go to the Alumni Association to provide scholarships and professional/social engagement opportunities for Mercy students and alumni.

All are welcome to volunteer! Sign up here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4ba9ae23aafa7-alumni>) or contact [alumni@mercycollege.edu](mailto:alumni@mercycollege.edu) / 419-251-8993 for more information.

*\*Volunteer hours from this event can be used to fulfill Mercy College student organization volunteer hour requirements.*

**Eat Out and Raise Money for Scholarships!**

A fundraiser is being held at BJ's Restaurant and Bar (4905 Monroe St. Toledo) on April 7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Use promo code APR847 for online orders or dine in and show the [flyer](#).

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to provide scholarships for Mercy College students!

**Updated Transcript Ordering Process**

At the beginning of the pandemic, Mercy College of Ohio changed the transcript ordering process. We now complete all transcript requests through the National Student Clearinghouse. Most transcript requests are fulfilled within 24 hours. We encourage electronic delivery as it is the quickest method and it is free. PLEASE NOTE: We no longer accept or process paper or email transcript requests.

Order your Mercy College Transcript at the following link: <https://mercycollege.edu/academics/student-records/transcript-request>

You can also go to the Mercy College of Ohio website ([Mercycollege.edu](http://Mercycollege.edu)) and search for “Transcript” this will take you to the same page.

Click on the “Request a Transcript” link, then the green box titled “Order Transcripts”

Complete the next screen with your personal information. Provide your student ID number, or social security number. Answer all the required questions/prompts. (You will not be able to proceed to the next screen until all required information is provided).

On the page titled “Select Transcript and Deliver Details” under “Delivery Information” you can select Electronic Delivery or Mail/United States and there will be no charge. If you select any other delivery options, the cost will be indicated next to the method. On this page, you also have the option to upload any additional documents with your transcript.

On the Checkout page, you will sign electronically, and you will then see an order confirmation page. You will also receive a confirmation email, and if you signed up for text updates, you will receive text messages about your order.

You can email [registrar@mercycollege.edu](mailto:registrar@mercycollege.edu) with any questions.

**Complete the 2022–23 FAFSA® Form**

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid for undergraduate and graduate school. If you are planning on attending Mercy College between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, please complete the 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) now. The 2022-23 FAFSA application will be used for determining your financial aid beginning in summer 2022. You will report your 2020 tax information. Apply now at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.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) or (419) 251-1219 and we will be glad to assist you.

**March and April will continue with entry precautions and hours of operation**

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. **The Madison entrance remains closed for the safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff.**

**Student lounges and study rooms are open for both Toledo and Youngstown students. The second floor Madison building study rooms in Toledo will be closed. Please use at least three feet of social distancing.**

**Please follow current signage in place.**

**In Toledo**, the hours of operation for fall semester students who wish to study on campus in study rooms or cubicles are 5am-1am Monday through Friday and the College is 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 is open from 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.

**Bon Secours Mercy Health has provided the College with new information regarding the Covid-19 vaccine, which follows:**

**COVID VACCINATIONS – NEW INFORMATION 3/28/2022**

**All the Mercy College ground-based and/or hybrid program students and clinical students should now have their first dose of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or the single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Vaccinations were required by March 25, 2022! If you have not had your vaccination, please contact the Office of Compliance!! Please contact Betsy Cardwell in Youngstown or Stacey Brown in Toledo.**

**Emails are: [Elizabeth.Cardwell@mercycollege.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Cardwell@mercycollege.edu) or [Stacey.Brown@mercycollege.edu](mailto:Stacey.Brown@mercycollege.edu). Thank you.**