

Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

November 28, 2022

November is Native American Heritage Month!!

Flu Vaccine Due Date is December 14, 2022



The College Health Nurse for fall semester is Karla Carver (Vitte). Please contact her at karla.carver@mercycollege.edu if you have any exposure, symptoms, etc. of COVID.

Masking for Toledo and Youngstown. Change in Masking Policy.

Effective Monday, October 3, 2022 masks are strongly recommended, but no longer required in Mercy Health facilities, including patient-facing areas.....unless the area is at a high rate of transmission. Transmission in the Toledo area for the Week of November 27 is Moderate or Yellow - Masking is Optional. The Youngstown area continues in RED or HIGH for the week of November 27. **MASKING IS REQUIRED.**

All those who are not vaccinated under the exemption policy must continue to wear masks.

The Jefferson Ave parking garage is closed. Students, faculty and staff parking is in the Madison Ave. lots Mon - Fri. The Madison Entrance is open for faculty, staff, and students but requires your badge. The Jefferson lots may be used on weekends and during the evening, and if arriving prior to 7:00am.

Welcome to Week 15 for PA students and Week 14 for all other students.

Welcome to Week 14 and to Week 15 for PA students. In-person and on-campus activities will continue for fall semester. We will be monitoring the current COVID situation very closely in case changes have to be made. Please see new guidance in the BLUE BOX above for week of November 28, 2022.

Please 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.



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.



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. **An email will be distributed to the campus community regarding any return to masking.**

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 fall allergy season upon us – the College will provide the most current numbers (includes Toledo and Youngstown), noting that the numbers change frequently. As of November 27, 2022, 1 student is in COVID protocol with 1 COVID + under the direction of Karla Vitte, college health nurse. Since March 2020, there have been 292 COVID + students with 291 approved to return to campus.

Campus Open with Safety Precautions in Place

Written by Dr. Susan Wajert

The College is open for in-person classes!!

Enter through the Madison side of the building using your badge. 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))



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 are open for summer semester.

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

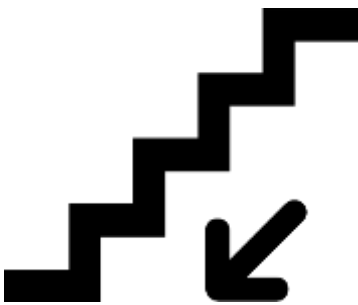
The Learning Commons will be open for study with the three team-based collaborative rooms open to students for team-based work and project work.

PLEASE CHECK MONITORS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION! MANY ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK!!



Please follow signage on campus for

- Restrooms
- Stairwells
- Elevators
- Safety and Hygiene



Limit the number of individuals in the elevator if possible.

TOLEDO COLLEGE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 5am-1am and Saturday and Sunday, 8am-5pm – the campus will be closed at 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday.



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 open/congregate spaces on-campus will be OPEN!





Masking continues Optional this week for Toledo and is Required for Youngstown. Lucas County is Yellow or Moderate. Mahoning County is Red or High. Exempted faculty, staff, and students, please continue to mask.

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

Week of November 28 – December 2, 2022

Fall Semester Week 15 for PA students and Week 14 for all other students.

The Catholic Church is preparing for Christ’s coming. Sunday, November 27, 2022, was the first Sunday of Advent.

Advent Family Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

First Week

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

- Author Unknown (Taken from the 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

registrar@mercycollege.edu

financialaid@mercycollege.edu

bursar@mercycollege.edu

admissions@mercycollege.edu

CAFETERIA HOURS (Toledo)

Monday – Friday 7:30am-1:30pm

Please limit food in the classrooms and labs.

Youngstown Location

CONGREGATE SPACES



YOUNGSTOWN LOCATION

CAFETERIA HOURS

See posted hours in Youngstown.

Need financial assistance?

The Student Emergency Fund is a fund that assists students with unforeseen financial emergencies which would prevent them from continuing their education at Mercy College. The fund is sustained by contributions from faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the College. The fund is available to degree-seeking and credit-bearing certificate students (online and land-based). The Fund Team considers each request and determines whether the student assistance funds can be used for the circumstance. Decisions are made as soon as possible depending on the urgency of the situation. The number of students who can be served by the Student Emergency Fund is determined by the availability of funds. Typically, awards are given by making a payment directly to the need (e.g. utility company, landlord, etc.). If this is not possible, funds can be disbursed in the form of a gift card. Learn more about the Student Emergency Fund by contacting Gerald.Cameron@mercycollege.edu

50/50 Tickets for Scholarships

The Mercy College Auxiliary is selling 50/50 tickets for scholarships!

1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20.

The winner will be drawn at the Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon at the Toledo Country Club on December 7. Need not be present to win!

Purchase tickets at www.tinyurl.com/mercyauxiliary2022 or by calling 419-251-8993.

Students and friends are also welcome to attend the Luncheon. Pre-Registration is required. Cost is \$35/person.

Email Password Reset

On the [IT Help page](#) of the mercycollege.edu website is a button for "Email Password Reset". The password reset page will soon be changing to a more secure page that requires two-factor authentication. During the process of resetting a password, the Symantec VIP Access app on your phone will prompt to authorize the request. The addition of two-factor authentication will help prevent any unauthorized attempts to gain access to your account. The new page also contains additional instructions that will be helpful when choosing a new secure password or passphrase. As always, if you need any assistance or encounter any difficulties, please contact Mercy College IT at 419-251-9898 or the BSMH Service Desk at 833-MY1HELP.

Student Worker job openings

Mercy College is looking to hire student workers. Eligible students who demonstrate financial need based on their 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be considered for Federal Work-Study (FWS).

- The funds come directly to you in the form of a bi-weekly paycheck.
- Student workers are paid \$15.00 per hour.
- Average hours are 8-10 hours per week.
- Convenient schedules while on campus for classes.
- A work-study position is not guaranteed.
- Student must pass the Mercy Health hiring requirements (which includes background and drug test).
- FWS positions do not qualify for any type of Mercy Health employee benefit, including tuition assistance.
- To work as a FWS student, you must be enrolled at Mercy College of Ohio

Submit your resume and application at https://careers.mercy.com/job/toledo/student-worker/29152/38765113520?utm_source=email&utm_medium=social_post&utm_campaign=Mercy_Health_social.

Questions – email financialaid@mercycollege.edu or call (419) 251-1219.

Fall 2023 Scholarship Application

Generous donors provide scholarships for Mercy College students. For a list of funded scholarships and to submit an application, please visit www.mercycollege.edu/scholarships. The application deadline is February 28, 2023.

Complete the 2023–24 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, 2023, and June 30, 2024, please complete the 2023-24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) now. The 2023-24 FAFSA application will be used for determining your financial aid beginning in summer 2023. You will report your 2021 tax information. Apply now at www.studentaid.gov/fafsa. Mercy College's school code is 030970-00. If you have questions, please contact the financial aid office at financialaid@mercycollege.edu or (419) 251-1219 and the financial aid office will be glad to assist you.

November is Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month, and a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate and raise awareness about the challenges Native people have faced both historically and, in the present, and the ways in which Native people have worked to conquer these challenges. Please access the links below to learn more!

<https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

<https://www.ncai.org/initiatives/native-american-heritage-month>

Student Affairs Upcoming Events

- Lights Before Christmas – November 18th – December 31st (email: marcus.dawson@mercycollege.edu for 2 free tickets) parking and transportation not included. **Faculty, staff, and students. (Tickets are sold out).**
- Disney on Ice – December 18th 5 pm (sign up will be available in November – stay tuned for more details). **Students only.**

Now Open – The Mercy College Marketplace

The Mercy Health gift shop and the college store have combined and will be called the Mercy College Marketplace. The Mercy College Marketplace will be located down the hall from the café' (location of previous Mercy Health gift shop). The Mercy College Marketplace will be open Monday-Wednesday from 10am - 2pm.

November continues with entry precautions and hours of operation (PARKING GARAGE CLOSED)

All faculty, staff, and students will enter the College through the Madison entrance as of June 27, 2022. Please park on the Madison side of the building and the entrance will be BADGE access only.

As of 10/3/2022, masks are not required, but highly recommended for both Toledo and Youngstown. Patient facing areas also no longer require masking. All faculty, staff, and students with exemptions, please continue to mask. If an area is at a high rate of transmission, masking will be required. Please refer to the weekly newsletter for the current week's masking status.

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. The College will close at 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday. 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. On weekends and in the evening, please park in the Jefferson surface lots. The Towne Park receptionist is present 24/7.

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 (Jefferson side) in Toledo will be working 24 hours per day/seven days per week. The receptionists are staffed by Towne Park. The front desk on Madison will be staffed Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm.

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

COVID VACCINATIONS –INFORMATION continues for fall semester
All of the Mercy College ground-based and/or hybrid program students and clinical students are required to be vaccinated for COVID.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Compliance!! Please contact Betsy Cardwell in Youngstown or Stacey Brown in Toledo.
Emails are: Elizabeth.Cardwell@mercycollege.edu or Stacey.Brown@mercycollege.edu. Thank you.

Phishing and Malicious Email

The biggest threat to our cybersecurity is email. This time of heightened global cybersecurity risk and the rising rates of cyberattacks emphasize the urgent need to protect ourselves against malicious cyberactivity. Sometimes just one click of a link in a malicious message can cause a system to be compromised. The best approach is to treat every email message as a potential threat and "don't be too quick to point and click".

The [accompanying image](#) shows an example of a malicious email message along with some warning signs to look for. Whenever you are in doubt of a message's validity, use the "Report Phishing" feature of Outlook to report it. You will receive a quick response as to whether the message is safe or a threat. In Outlook webmail, click the three dots in the upper right of the message to find the Report Phishing option. In the Outlook desktop client, the Report Phishing button can be found in the main toolbar.

If you inadvertently clicked on a link that you suspect as being malicious, contact the BSMH IT Service Desk at 1-833-MY1HELP right away.

Thank you for your continued vigilance and support!

WATCH OUT FOR...

