

Mercy College of Ohio Presents:

October 24, 2022



The College Health Nurse for fall semester is Karla Vitte. Please contact her at karla.vitte@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 October 24 is LOW or Green – Masking is Optional . The Youngstown area is also at LOW or Green for the week of October 24. Masking is optional.

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 Mercy College of Ohio for the 2022-2023 Academic Year!!

Flu Vaccinations available this week. Please see information on p. 5.

Halloween Howl - October 26!!!

Welcome to Week 10 for PA students and Week 9 for all other students.

Welcome to Week 9 and to Week 10 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 October 24, 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 October 16, 2022, 0 students are in COVID protocol with 0 COVID + under the direction of Karla Vitte, college health nurse. Since March 2020, there have been 276 COVID + students with 276 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!!

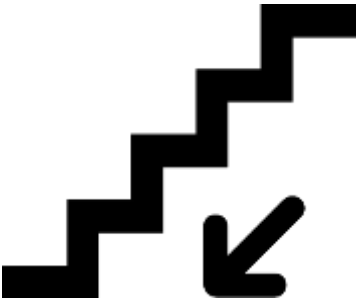


SAFETY FIRST



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

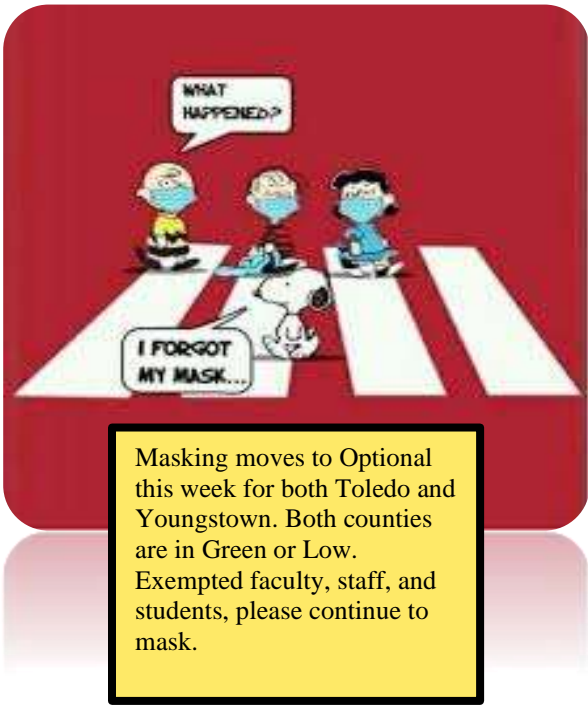
STUDENT SERVICES



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!





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.

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 October 24 – October 28, 2022

Fall Semester Week 10 for PA students and Week 9 for all other students.

As our country prepares for elections on November 8, 2022.

For Our Country

Almighty God,
Ruler of all the peoples of the earth,
forgive our shortcomings as a nation,
purify our hearts to see and love the truth, give wisdom to our leaders,
and steadfastness to our people,
and bring us at last
to that fair city of peace whose foundations are mercy,
justice, and goodwill,
of which you are the designer and builder;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

By Woodrow Wilson

(Taken from the Xavier University website)

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.

Mercy Heritage Week Photo Contest Winners (See Photos on p. 6)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Mercy Heritage Week Photo contest. We were inspired by smiling faces, creative photos, and the assortment of beverage mugs/cups!

A panel of 3 judges from the Mission Integration Committee decided on the top winning entries. Winners are posted below and will receive Amazon gift cards.

First Place - \$15 Amazon gift card:

1st Place Andrenetta Daniel – BSMH Clinical Simulation & Learning Center Assistant

Second Place (tied) - \$10 Amazon gift card:

Jennifer Jones, Program Director, Health Information Technology

Cindy Pisano, Supervisor, Community Outreach Healthy Connections

Winners will be notified of their prizes via the email they provided on their contest entry.

Thank you again for your participation in helping celebrate Mercy Heritage Week!

Student Affairs Upcoming Events

- What's the Tea with Campus Ministry – October 25th 1 pm – 2 pm (Jefferson 3rd Floor Student Lounge). **Faculty, staff, and students.**
- Halloween Howl – October 26th 6 pm – 8 pm (Jefferson side main entrance). **Faculty, staff, and students.**
- Cocoa, Coffee, & Community – November 1st and 2nd at 5 pm (Jefferson 3rd Floor Student Lounge). **Faculty, staff, and students.**
- Ledisi sings Nina Simone Concert – November 19th with dinner at 5 pm and concert starts at 7 pm (see flyer from student affairs) 2 free tickets). **Students only.**
- 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.**
- Disney on Ice – December 18th 5 pm (sign up will be available in November – stay tuned for more details). **Students only.**

Take Advantage of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver

Federal student loan borrowers can get credit for payments that previously didn't qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) until October 31, 2022. [Click here for information and how to apply.](#)

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.

October 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".

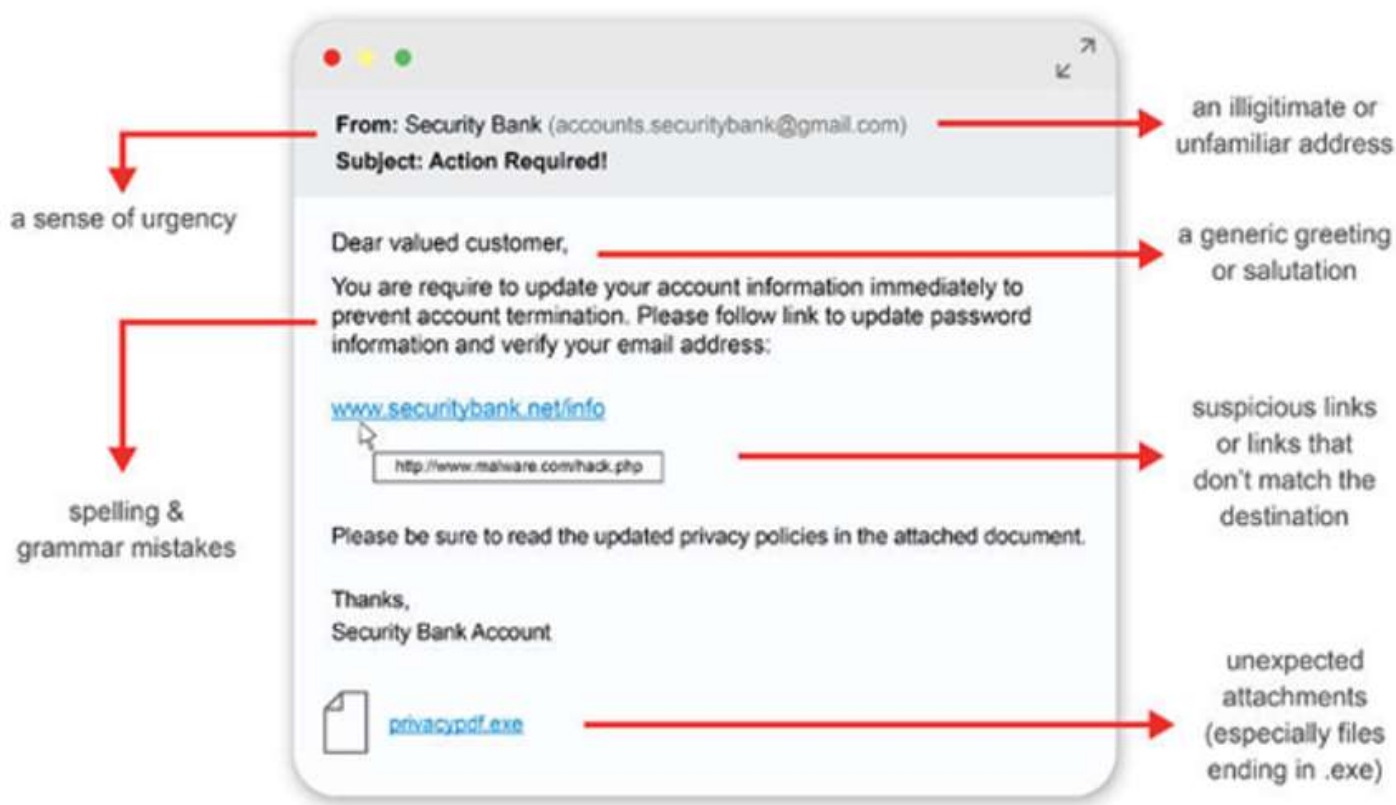
The [accompanying image](#) shows an example of a malicious email message along with some warning signs to look for. Whenever you are in doubt of a message's validity, use the "Report Phishing" feature of Outlook to report it. You will receive a quick response as to whether the message is safe or a threat. 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...



If you are receiving your flu vaccination at Mercy College (Toledo) you will need to upload your documentation yourself. Please see email from Sherri Webster that includes the job aid for uploading. Thank you.

- For those associates that choose to have their flu vaccination outside a Mercy Health facility, you are to submit your proof of flu vaccination via email.
 - If you need to submit a medical or religious flu exemption form, follow the instructions below:
 1. Go to BSMH central: <https://healthpartners.sharepoint.com/SitePages/Get-your-Flu-vaccine-today!.aspx>
- If you need assistance contact Andrea Rohrs at amroh@mercy.com

Deadline for receiving vaccination or submitting exemption: Dec. 14

Flu Shots now available on the Mercy Campus – location is 2nd floor of Madison M2619.
Make sure to have your Employee ID with you and be able to provide your employee ID number.

- 10/24... 10a-4:30p
- 10/25... 8a-12noon
- 10/26... 11a-3p
- 10/27... 9a-4p
- 10/31... 8a-12noon
- 11/1... 9a-1p

Many thanks to our Nursing Division for providing flu shots on our campus!!

2022 Mercy Heritage Week Photo Contest Winners

