

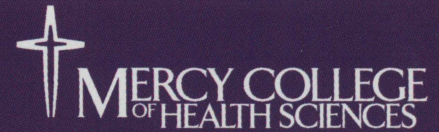
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Major I-235 Traffic Shift To Begin

FAVORABLE WEATHER FOR CONSTRUCTION and good contractor progress has accelerated work on mainline I-235, allowing for the major traffic shift that began on Friday, April 21, according to Iowa Department of Transportation officials. The traffic shifted between Cottage Grove Ave. and E. 15th St.

Weather permitting and if pavement painting is on schedule, stage two will occur Wednesday night, April 26, when the westbound traffic will be shifted head-to-head on the eastbound roadway. This shift will also mean closure of several ramps. After the shift is complete, motorists traveling westbound will need to get off the freeway at the E. 15th St. exit and travel on the connector road/ramps to 3rd, 5th and 7th streets to access downtown. Motorists may also stay on westbound I-235 until they get to the Keo Way and MLK Jr. Pkwy exits. Entrance ramps to west-

bound I-235 will be at 2nd Ave. and 19th St./MLK Jr. Pkwy. **The westbound entrance ramp at 7th St. will be closed.** Entrance ramps to eastbound I-235 will be at 2nd Ave., Penn Ave. and E. 15th St. See link below for maps showing the closures and suggested routes.

Construction will involve rebuilding the freeway's mainline traffic lanes from Cottage Grove Ave. to just east of the Des Moines River. This work includes reconstruction of the entire westbound roadway, and the section of the eastbound roadway from Cottage Grove Ave. to Keo Way. In addition, the inside portion of the westbound Des Moines River Bridge will be rebuilt. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during peak drive times. This traffic pattern will remain in place for two to three months. <http://www.i235.com/alerts.htm>

See map on page 2

Mumps Update

IOWA IS EXPERIENCING AN EPIDEMIC of mumps, and about half of the cases are happening in college age people, even in persons previously vaccinated. Generally, mumps is a mild to moderate disease but complications can be serious. The Iowa Department of Public Health recommends that health care workers less than 45 years of age receive two doses of MMR vaccine. Because all Mercy College students are required to provide proof of immunization at this level, you have met this general recommendation from the IDPH. Health care workers 45 and older may not have received immunization due to different immunity standards prior to 1960. If you have a concern about your personal immunity, it is recommended you contact your personal physician. A titre can be drawn to determine immunity levels, and if needed, your physician can administer a booster of the vaccine.

The Polk County Health Department will be administering the mumps vaccine **FREE** of charge to students between the ages of 18-22 who do not have documentation of two doses of the vaccine as that population group is most vulnerable. The free vaccinations will be administered on April 26, 27, and 28th between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at their clinic at 1907 Carpenter Ave, Des Moines, Iowa. It is one block north of University Avenue.

If you display symptoms (fever, headache, and swollen salivary glands under the jaw) you should immediately contact your physician for diagnosis and care. **DO NOT COME TO CLASS OR CLINICAL.** The usual process for returning to class and clinical for missing three or more days due to illness will be followed therefore, you will be required to report to Mercy Employee Health Services to obtain clearance to return.

CALENDAR

APRIL 28

Last day of term

Spring Commencement

May 8

First day of class for Liberal Arts and Sciences (Session 1)

First day of class for Summer Professional Program

May 12

Fall Scholarship Application Deadline (other than Auxiliary and Nursing Alumni)

Last Day to Drop Summer (Session I) Classes with Refund

May 29

Memorial Day
NO CLASSES

May 31

Last Day to Drop Summer Session I Classes

June 12

First day of class for 10-week Science Session

June 16

Last day to drop Science Session with Refund

June 19

First day of class for Radiology

June 26

First day of class for Liberal Arts and Sciences Session II

June 30

Last day to drop Liberal Arts and Sciences Session II with refund

July 1

Tobacco- Free Campus



Diversity corner

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, the top five spoken languages spoken by non-English speaking students in Iowa are:

1. Spanish
2. Vietnamese
3. Bosnian
4. Lao
5. German

STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Tutoring schedule for the summer sessions will be announced in the Mercy Messenger in May.

Summer Course Textbooks Information

STUDENTS CAN CHECK PRICING FOR BOOKS, used for the summer terms, at the Drake University Bookstore, on-line after April 26th. Go to www.Drakebookstore.com, and use the following procedure; click on textbooks, then choose school (Drake or Mercy). Also please be aware that due to the Drake relays (April 27, 28, 29), it will be very difficult accessing the bookstore parking lot. For those students using the voucher program, vouchers will not begin to be sent to the bookstore until after April 26th. If you have any questions, please contact **Jack Perkins** at **643-6603**.

Library Hours

LIBRARY AND COMPUTER LAB HOURS DURING BREAK WILL BE:

Sat. April 29	CLOSED
Sun. April 30	CLOSED
Mon-Friday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sat. May 6	CLOSED
Sun. May 7	CLOSED

Summer Library Hours

Starting **May 8th**, the library hours will be the following:

Monday-Thursday	7:30 am-9:30pm
Friday	7:30am-4:30 pm
Saturday	9am-2pm
Sunday	CLOSED

