

To All Students, Faculty and Staff:

The use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs continues to be a concern on college and university campuses across the nation. The increasing opioid epidemic in our country and the legalization of cannabis in some states raises concerns for all of us as we address this important health issue. While our Wellness Center staff strives to provide effective intervention and treatment for those with alcohol and other drug problems, the issue of alcohol, tobacco and other drug programming and interventions is the responsibility of the entire campus community.

To address this issue at more holistically at Mount St. Joseph University, the Wellness, Health and Safety Committee comprised of faculty, staff and students has reviewed and updated Mount St. Joseph University's alcohol and other drug policy and guidelines.

This University Committee has reviewed and updated Mount St. Joseph University's alcohol/other drug policy and guidelines to include a policy addressing our status as a tobacco free campus. Health information regarding the use of other substances is included in the policy as well.

As a service to the Mount and in compliance with federal regulations and guidelines, Mount St. Joseph's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug policies and guidelines are available electronically on the following websites:

For Employees:

https://mymount.msj.edu/ICS/icsfs/Drug_and_Alcohol_Policy.pdf?target=7633f273-a021-491d-b5ed-ca3494d4af63

For Students:

<https://mymount.msj.edu/ICS/icsfs/DrugAlcoholPolicy.pdf?target=2cc870d5-79bb-4a79-9953-435edc251fe2>

These policies and guidelines are also published in the Student Handbook available to all students at the beginning of each academic year. You will find the following outlined on the websites and in the handbook:

- Guidelines for College events
- The Mount's drug and alcohol policy
- Ohio laws on drugs and alcohol abuse
- Health risks associated with drugs and alcohol
- Good Samaritan/Amnesty Policy
- Tobacco Free Policy

The MSJ Wellness Center website has additional resources available at www.msj.edu/wellness.

For local referrals, click on the links below

- [Free Cincinnati Rehab Centers](#)
- <http://www.talberthouse.org/>
- <https://beckettssprings.com/>

Please take the time to become familiar with the information provided to you on these links.

Sincerely,

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Provost