Information for Guests

ALL guests attending the 2020 or 2021 commencement ceremonies MUST provide documentation of a negative COVID-19 test OR proof of full vaccination prior to being admitted to the ceremony.

Guests must check-in prior to the ceremonies – enter through the doors of the Recreation Center. The check-in hours are:

**Undergraduate 2020 Ceremony (Saturday, May 22)**
- If attending the 10 a.m. ceremony, 7 to 9:30 a.m.
- If attending the 2 p.m. ceremony, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Graduate 2020 and 2021 (Thursday, May 27)**
- Between 4 and 6:30 p.m. *It is recommended that people test early to avoid long lines.*

**Undergraduate 2021 Ceremony (Friday, May 28)**
- If attending the 10 a.m. ceremony, 7 to 9:30 a.m.
- If attending the 2 p.m. ceremony, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

**How do I meet the COVID-19 test requirement?**
- A negative PCR test administered within 72 hours of the start of the ceremony you are attending.
  
**OR**
- A negative rapid antigen test administered within 6 hours of the ceremony you are attending.

**What documentation do I need to provide?**
- *A physical copy of your negative test result that includes name, date and time of sample collection, test type and result.*
- *Photo ID.*
VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

How do I meet the COVID-19 vaccination requirement?
- Receive Moderna or Pfizer dose #2 a full 14 days prior to the ceremony you are attending.
- Receive single-dose Johnson & Johnson a full 14 days prior to the ceremony you are attending.

What documentation do I need to provide?
- Your vaccine card(s) that include name, date of vaccination and vaccination type.
- Photo ID.
  OR
- Your Excelsior Passport. For more info visit: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass.
  - Photo ID.

Information on tickets for guests

- All guests must present their tickets.
- Tickets are in QR code form or can be printed
- Each student will have two tickets to distribute
- Once the code has been scanned, the 'checked in' flag is raised. If more guests attempt to check in than the student has tickets, then the system will show an error to the check-in staff.
- Guests who do not have a ticket will not be allowed to enter the commencement site and should watch the ceremony on the live stream.

Guests must also present their health screening form that must be completed the day of the ceremony they’re attending. Please print and bring with you. If you cannot print, you will need to fill out the form at the check in site.

Guests must remain in their seats unless leaving the site or using the restrooms. They will not be allowed to enter the student seating section or approach the stage for photographs.

Questions regarding COVID protocols can be directed to the COVID Office at 315-445-4600