

## **PHS Graduation Ceremony Health and Safety Protocol**

A graduation ceremony is an important rite of passage for students, families and school staff and we honor the need to celebrate this achievement with our students. However, we need your assistance to protect our community from the spread of the novel coronavirus. We ask everyone to do their part. The success of this ceremony hinges on **everyone** making **smart behavioral choices**. We have graduates and guests with chronic medical issues who are especially counting on all of us. This protocol has been carefully considered to address and promote the health, safety, and welfare of our community. If you do not feel you can follow these protocols please do not attend. Those not willing to follow these protocols will be asked to leave.

1. At all times, for people not within an immediate family unit:
  - Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet. **In instances when a safe 6-foot distance cannot be maintained, mask use is required** at our ceremony. Masks will be provided to graduates. Guests are strongly encouraged to bring their own.
  - Greet each other in a safe COVID-19 manner. Replace handshakes and hugs with a wave!
  - Upon arrival and dismissal there is absolutely **no congregating of people**. Please stay within your family unit. Guests will be dismissed in a controlled manner. Once your group is dismissed please exit the field promptly, return to your vehicle and exit school grounds.
2. Stay home if you are feeling ill, especially if you have a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, headache and/or sore throat. High risk individuals should also stay home. You can enjoy the ceremony via live stream.
3. **Out-of-state** travel and guests (who have not quarantined for 14 days) remain one of the most dangerous ways in which the novel coronavirus is brought into our community. Because of this, please refrain from bringing any out of state guests to the ceremony. They can enjoy it via live stream from the safety and comfort of home.
4. Each “family square” has a **limit of 5 immediate family members**. This number has been chosen for many reasons with the health and safety of our community at the forefront. Please honor it. There will be 6 ft between family squares.
5. **All children** will be expected to stay within the “family square”. Please take this into consideration when deciding whether or not to bring them to the ceremony.
6. Please enter and exit the **parking lots** and McLeod Field using only your designated pathways to help maintain appropriate distances.
7. Restroom facilities are **limited**. They are located near the concession stand.
8. Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances for your use.

**We are all in this together and will get out of it only by working together and respecting the health and safety of others by making smart personal choices. We acknowledge every family’s practices/opinions differ about handling COVID-19. We thank you for respecting our rules.**

Thank you very much for your attention to this protocol. Congratulations Graduates!

## GYM

In event of inclement weather on June 7, 2020, Park High Graduation will occur in the gymnasium with the following changes to above protocol:

- At all times, for people not within an immediate family unit maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.
- Only the graduate and two guests (parents/guardians) will be allowed to attend.  
(80 graduates and 160 adult attendees= 240 total in attendance in the gym)
- Everyone in attendance must wear a mask. Masks will be provided to graduates; guests must supply their own face covering.
- Graduates will enter the gym accompanied by their two guests, through the assigned door (22-23 families per door with staff checking off families). There are four assigned entrances per graduate and a fifth entrance for staff.
- Graduates will sit in chairs on the gymnasium floor, which will be placed 6 feet apart.
- Parents will be seated together, if they live in the same home, and will be spaced 6 feet from others.
- Staff will be seated six feet apart from each other.
- Greet each other in a safe COVID-19 manner. Replace handshakes and hugs with a wave!
- Upon arrival and dismissal there is absolutely **no congregating of people**. Please stay within your family unit. Guests will be dismissed in a controlled manner. Once your group is dismissed please exit the gymnasium promptly, return to your vehicle and exit school grounds.
- Stay home if you are feeling ill, especially if you have a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, headache and/or sore throat. High risk individuals should also stay home. You can enjoy the ceremony via live stream.
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- Please enter and exit the **parking lots** and McLeod Field using only your designated pathways to help maintain appropriate distances.
- Restroom facilities are **limited**. They are located in the hallway outside the gymnasium
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances for your use.