

2021 Commencement Plan

Date of Event:

Saturday, May 1 at 1 p.m.

Location of Event:

We intend to have the event outdoors on Bahlke Field. However, if commencement must move indoors for any reason, it will be Art Smith Arena in the Hogan Center. Due to current COVID-19 prevention guidelines, **no outside guests will be permitted if commencement must be moved indoors.** Movement indoors will be determined no later than Wednesday, April 28.

Event Description:

As planned, we will host an in-person commencement on Saturday, May 1 at 1 p.m. on Bahlke Field. There will be less than 1,000 total attendees, which is less than 20% of Bahlke Field's capacity and stays within the current local and state health department executive orders. On Friday, April 30 there will be a graduation rehearsal for graduates only on Bahlke Field. There are three separate rehearsal times, and a certain number of students will be assigned to each time to account for social distancing and compliance of COVID-19 policies.

Guest Policy

At this time, each graduate will be permitted **two guests**. Each guest must be pre-registered and agree to complete established screening protocols in order to attend. No additional guests will be allowed. Guests will be asked to complete a screening process before arriving on campus and an additional screening the day of the event. Children under the age of 2 do not need to be pre-registered, but must sit on the parent/guardian's lap for the entirety of the ceremony.

Guests traveling by air to attend commencement must be vaccinated for COVID-19 or arrive to Michigan in enough time to arrange for a COVID-19 test and must bring their negative test result or proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination with them to campus. Commencement guests are only permitted to be on Bahlke Field for the duration of commencement, and they are not permitted to stay on campus for an extended period of time or enter other buildings on campus. We strongly encourage anyone who participates in the commencement ceremony, including guests, to get vaccinated for COVID-19 at least two weeks before attending the event.

Livestream

Regardless of location, commencement will be livestreamed and available to audiences on- and off-campus.

Please keep in mind, our plan is fluid and subject to change. If conditions regarding COVID-19 on- or off- campus deteriorate, or additional restrictions are put in place by health officials, we may not be able to host guests on campus.