Dear Parents and Commencement Guests,

We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates next weekend. We wanted to share with you more specific information about public health requirements for guests attending Commencement ceremonies. New York state has revised its public health guidance for events of this kind, and Cornell has adapted Commencement requirements accordingly.

- **Guests who are fully vaccinated (14-days past your final dose)** must bring proof of being fully vaccinated with a U.S. FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine. Acceptable forms of documentation include the New York Excelsior Pass or CDC card, or similar documentation with full name, vaccine manufacturer, dates of dose(s) and location of administration or provider signature. This documentation will be verified in exchange for a wristband that will allow you to be seated in the vaccinated seating section in Schoellkopf Field. Seating in this area will not require guests to maintain six feet of physical distance between individuals. Masks remain required at all times when present on campus.

- **Guests who are not fully vaccinated** are no longer required to bring documentation of a negative COVID-19 test result. Guests will still be required to pick-up a wristband to sit in the non-vaccinated seating section in the stadium where six feet of physical distancing between guests (or between pairs of guests, if they are attending together) will be enforced. Masks remain required at all times when present on campus.

For the safety of all guests, graduates, and volunteers, we suggest you still complete a PCR- or rapid antigen-based COVID-19 test (as available in your local area) to establish that you are not infected prior to arriving in Ithaca. If you have a positive test result, you should not come to campus and should not attend Commencement events.

Ticketed guests under the age of 12 who are not yet vaccine eligible, and under the age of 16 who have not yet been vaccinated, may accompany and be seated with a fully vaccinated adult in the non-vaccinated seating section.

**Guest Pre-Check Process**

Upon arrival for the ceremony, all guests will be required to complete the guest pre-check process. Pre-check stations will be conveniently located in designated parking lots and around Schoellkopf Field. All guests must show their non-transferrable ticket, photo ID that matches your ticket, appropriate vaccination documentation and complete a health screening questionnaire in exchange for a public health wristband. **This wristband is required for entry into Schoellkopf Field and to access the shuttle buses.**
Important Ceremony Instructions
Please review the [schedule of ceremonies](#) and note the events schedules and the time you should plan to arrive at the parking lots and enter Schoellkopf Field. Parking space is limited, so if you are attending a morning ceremony, please plan on exiting the parking lot no later than 1 p.m. to make room for guests and graduates in the next ceremony. For public health reasons, we ask that guests and graduates not gather outside Schoellkopf Field before or after the ceremonies.

Upon arrival to campus:

1. Be sure to have your ticket that your graduate obtained for you.
2. Bring photo ID that matches your ticket.
3. Complete the guest pre-check process and receive your public health wristband before you ride a shuttle bus or arrive at Schoellkopf Field.
4. Upon arrival at Schoellkopf Field be prepared to show your wristband, ticket, and photo ID. Bag checks will also be conducted prior to entry. Note: If you decide to exit Schoellkopf Field at any time prior to the end of the ceremony you will not be permitted re-entry.

Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines. We look forward to hosting our guests and celebrating the accomplishments of our graduates.

Thank you,

The Office of Commencement Events