Congratulations! Commencement is here.

As a reminder, COVID-19 safety requirements remain in place for the all-University Commencement and other ceremonies, despite this week’s announcement about masks and distancing from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC stated: “Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.”

The University has no way to determine whether attendees are fully vaccinated. Guests and candidates are asked to please follow these guidelines as previously announced:

- Face coverings over the nose and mouth are required for all individuals in attendance at the Commencement Ceremony and Dallas Hall Rotunda Walk.
- Individuals in attendance are asked to maintain social distancing at all times.
- Seating is configured to follow social distancing guidelines. Candidates on the field of Ford Stadium are seated 5 feet apart. Guests are asked to sit in odd-numbered rows and keep 4 seats in between family groups.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the venues.

We also have a severe weather contingency but fortunately the forecast is calling for a beautiful Texas morning. We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments.