

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.