

## Health and Safety Guidance for High School Graduations

All graduates, parents, and guests attending graduation ceremonies will be required to adhere to the following guidelines and expectations:

**\*Participation and attendance at UCPS High School Graduations is voluntary and is not required.**

- Each graduate will receive two tickets and one parking pass to limit the number of audience members. Graduates may not share tickets or parking passes with other graduates, parents, or guests.
- Attendees will enter through the entrance designated by school administration.
- School administrators and school employees will direct and assist with seating guests to ensure social distancing guidelines are practiced. Parents and guests of each graduate are to be seated together unless otherwise requested. Six feet social distance is recommended at all times.
- Attendees must remain in assigned seats unless entering, exiting, recognized by school administrators or school employees during the graduation ceremony, or using the restroom facilities.
- Graduation programs will be available on a table as graduates, parents, and guests enter the stadium.
- Attendees are not permitted to bring noisemakers or signs into the stadium.
- Attendees are encouraged to avoid congregating within UCPS stadiums or on the property outside the stadiums. Individuals without tickets will not be allowed to enter the stadium and school property prior to graduation or gather outside the stadium to greet graduates after the ceremony.

**Additional health and safety considerations for each ceremony are:**

- Attendees who may be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, such as a temperature at or above 100.4, must not enter the stadium or facility.
- Attendees who are in high-risk categories or who are sick should not enter the stadium.
- Any graduate who may be concerned about participating in the ceremony should contact the school to make alternate plans to receive his or her diploma.
- All participants – including graduates, administrators, and guests – are encouraged to remain at least six feet apart from other people at all times.
- Attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings at all times, including entrance and exit from the stadium and facility. Graduates are encouraged to wear face coverings during the ceremony. Graduates will be given an opportunity to remove the mask for a brief moment when picking up his or her diploma and during a graduation photo.
- Graduates will pick up diplomas from a table on stage after being recognized by school administrators or school employees. School administrators and school employees will not hand diplomas directly to graduates.
- Attendees must adhere to signage and other markings throughout the stadiums and seating areas. Markers or tape may be used to indicate the distance.
- To comply with the social distancing recommendation, handshaking and hugs should not occur.
- Hand sanitizer or hand washing stations will be available at all entrances and restrooms.
- **Attending UCPS graduations is voluntary and is not required. While UCPS is implementing safety protocols, guests should understand that there is no way to eliminate all risk of exposure to others and illness.**