

Dickinson High School Graduation 2020

The graduation ceremony for the Dickinson High School Class of 2020 will be held in person on Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Sam Vitanza Stadium.

The state is allowing schools to host outdoor graduation ceremonies on or after May 29. This permission is subject to change as underlying public health conditions change. In order to provide this ceremony, we must follow strict TEA regulations to help provide a safe event and maintain social distancing.

- DISD must cap the number of total participants (inclusive of students, families, and staff) to a level that can be managed in the outdoor venue to maximize social distancing, both during the event and during entry and exit. To meet this requirement, each student will receive two (2) tickets. Graduation will be live-streamed for friends and families to watch from the comfort of home. Students will be alerted should an opportunity arise to allow more tickets to the ceremony.
- Monday, June 1, graduates must come to the front entrance area of the Competition Gym to pick up their graduation packet. The packet will include:
 - Tickets with assigned parking area
 - Health screener form (3)
 - Directions and expectations
 - Graduation Ceremony programs
- No rehearsals are permitted prior to graduation.
- Prior to attending the ceremony, participating students and attending family members must be screened by district employees for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

Cough	Diarrhea
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100°
Chills	Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days
Repeated shaking with chills	
Muscle pain	
Headache	
Sore throat	
Loss of taste or smell	

Those found with any of these signs or symptoms must be excluded from the activity.
- Three copies of the COVID-19 screening protocol form will be included in the student's ticket packet. One for the student and one for each of his/her guests. The student and his/her guests will be required to submit the completed protocol form prior to entering the stadium.
- DISD must keep 6 feet or more of spacing between all participants, except that members of the same household may be allowed to sit together in the audience but must be at least 6 feet away from any other family group at all times.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all stadium entrances.
- Gloves must be worn by the administrator for distribution of diplomas.
- No handshaking on the stage is permitted.
- Employees, students and guests must wear cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth) while inside the stadium. After students walk across the stage, they will be able to remove the face covering for their picture. Facial masks will be provided for all 2020 graduates.
- No congregating will be permitted in the bleachers, under the bleachers, on the field or in the parking lot.
- Attendees must maintain social distancing protocols of six feet apart upon entering and exiting the stadium.
- Seating in the bleachers will be every other row and 6 feet apart. Guests within the same household may enter, exit, and sit together. The stadium bleachers will be marked with seating locations.
- Restroom occupancy will be limited and monitored.
- Concessions will not be open. Guests are encouraged to bring their own bottled water.

- Students and guests will be assigned designated parking areas. 2020 graduates will park in lots N and D. Parents/guests will be assigned home side or visitor side parking. Assigned parking for parents/guests will be on the tickets.
- Seniors will be seated on the football field at a minimum of six feet apart during the ceremony.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, there will be an honor recessional for graduates to exit the stadium.
- Guests will be dismissed by section to exit the stadium to their cars.
- No one will be allowed to congregate on the field, under the bleachers or in the parking lots after the ceremony.

Galveston County Sheriff's officers will monitor compliance with these health and safety protocols.

In the event of bad weather, the first makeup date is Friday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. The second makeup date is Saturday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.