



Graduation guidance

Washington State Department of Health's [Guidance for 2021 Graduation and Commencement Ceremonies](#) outlines graduation models and requirements for public and private colleges and universities and K–12 schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are a few important areas to highlight:

- Virtual (recorded or livestreamed) or drive-through ceremonies remain the safest way to celebrate, especially for families who have individuals at high risk for COVID-19.
- Decisions to host in-person graduation and commencement ceremonies remain at the discretion of college, university, and local school district leaders, as long as they do not conflict with Governor Inslee's [Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery Plan](#).
- Given that the phase status for each county is individually evaluated every three weeks, it is important to consider the guidelines for multiple phases as you plan your event.

School dances and proms guidance

Schools planning a spring prom or other dance should follow the COVID-19 Guidance for [Weddings, Funerals and Events](#) from the Department of Health. The guidance includes capacity limits in addition to distancing, masking and eating and drinking requirements based on the current phase for the county where the school or college or university is located. Given that the phase status for each county is individually evaluated every three weeks, it is important to consider the guidelines for multiple phases as you plan your event.