

May 19, 2021 updates to the K12 Graduation Guidance, based on recent changes CDC and state guidance

Topic	Former Guidance	Updated Guidance
Student Masking & Distancing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When indoors, students must wear masks and maintain 6' of distance When outdoors students must wear masks and maintain 3' of distance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When indoors, students must wear masks and maintain 6' of distance When outdoors, students are not required to wear masks, and students should distance as feasible
Attendee / Staff Masking & Distancing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When indoors or outdoors, attendees and staff must wear masks and maintain 6' of distance from individuals not in their household. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When indoors, attendees and staff must wear masks and maintain 6' of distance from individuals not in their household. Effective May 29, for outdoor graduations only, attendees and staff are not required to wear masks and are encouraged to distance from individuals not in their household as feasible. Attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings if they are not vaccinated.
Shared materials and cleaning / disinfecting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Does not</u> permit handing graduates their diploma and awards Requires frequent cleaning and disinfecting Requires disinfecting seating areas and any other mutually-touched objects <u>immediately after each use.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits handing graduates their diploma and awards Graduation facilities only need to clean high touch surfaces and shared objects once per day, excluding certain circumstances¹

¹This language aligns with CDC school guidance and the DESE FAQ released on 5/17. Certain circumstances that require increased cleaning or disinfecting include communities with higher COVID-19 transmission, areas of low masking, when surfaces are visibly soiled, and if someone confirmed to have COVID-19 was in the facility.

