

IMPORTANT UPDATED INFORMATION FOR MHS SENIORS CLASS OF 2020

June 18, 2020

Students and Families of the Class of 2020,

As we navigate the planning process for Graduation at Family Arena on July 19, we wanted to share some more specific information and details for the event. We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we make necessary changes to our plans. The situation is very fluid, so any alterations to the details below will be communicated as necessary.

- The Graduation Ceremony will begin promptly at 6:00pm.
- Graduates and families will be allowed to begin entering the facility at 4:30pm at doors 1, 2, 3. All guests will go through metal detectors. **NO BAGS OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE ARENA FOR THE CEREMONY.**
 - There will not be a processional, so students will enter the arena and go straight to their assigned seat on the arena floor. **ONLY GRADUATES SHOULD GO ON TO THE ARENA FLOOR.** Graduates **SHOULD NOT LEAVE** their assigned seats while waiting on the ceremony to begin.
 - Graduates **MUST** arrive by 5:30.
 - Graduates should have their cap and gown but are encouraged to leave all other personal items with families. Graduates will also be required to bring and wear their own face covering.
- We have worked with Family Arena to provide a safe experience for all attendees, aligned with St. Louis County Health guidelines. Based on our number of graduates, typical attendance at our ceremonies historically, and Family Arena capacity, we expect to be well below the 50% occupancy rate Family Arena will be enforcing, and therefore, will not be limiting attendance at this time. The Family Arena staff will be blocking off the arena seating in sections of six (6) seats to promote physical distancing between attendees. Moving/Removing blocked seats will result in Family Arena staff escorting you out of the arena. **Please also be aware of the following precautions and information that should be considered when attending in the audience:**
 - Family Arena staff will be checking the temperature of every attendee prior to entering.
 - As of right now, all attendees over the age of 9 must be wearing a face covering (attendees should bring their own face covering). We will communicate any potential changes to this requirement closer to the event date.
 - Seating for attendees is first come, first serve. Please be respectful of everyone's space and social distancing.
 - Suites are available for purchase through Family Arena. The capacity for the suites is 12. You can go to familyarena.com to reserve your suite, if interested.
 - **DO NOT ATTEND** if you answer **YES** to any of the following:
 - Do you have a fever of 100.4 or higher?
 - Do you have a cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?

- Do you have shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Have you lost any sense of smell or taste?
- Do you have a sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have muscle aches (myalgias) that you cannot attribute to another health condition, or that may not have been caused by a specific activity (such as physical exercise)?
- Have you had any close contact with a person that has a suspected or confirmed case of Covid 19 or demonstrated any of the above symptoms?
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will process out of the arena via door 5 and walk straight to their vehicle and meet families there. Congregating near the entrances/exits will not be permitted. **NO ONE WILL BE READMITTED TO THE ARENA.** Attendees are advised to practice social distancing and leave the premises as soon as possible after the ceremony.
- The Graduation will be livestreamed by the staff at Family Arena. The information for the livestream will be posted on the Family Arena website (familyarena.com).

Again, we will continue to monitor guidelines and expectations in order to provide a safe and enjoyable Graduation ceremony for our students and families. We appreciate your continued flexibility.

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