

Millis High School Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony  
Thursday July 30 6:00  
Welch Memorial Field  
Millis, Massachusetts

State Guidelines for Outdoor Graduation

The following guidelines were released by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding outdoor ceremonies that can be held after July 19, 2020 (assuming the public health data supports continued opening of our state)

- It is imperative that all local, state and federal requirements are adhered to in planning a high school graduation ceremony
- Must be in an unconfined outdoor space that can accommodate social distancing and the flow of air. Tents or other enclosed spaces are not permitted
- Anyone feeling sick or exhibiting any of the following symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) or have potentially been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should not attend the graduation ceremony
- Persons who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 according to the Centers for Disease Control (e.g. due to age or underlying conditions) should not attend the graduation ceremony
- The outdoor space must have sufficient space to accommodate attendees who are not from the same immediate household spaced at least 6 feet apart
- Attendance is limited to graduates and their immediate family members only. Families must sign up in advance and only those who have pre-registered may attend [We will be determining the number of attendees per graduate and the registration process shortly]
- Children under the age of 5, older adults, and those with vulnerable health conditions are discouraged from attending
- Staff/attendants must monitor the number of attendees entering the graduation ceremony and confirm that they had pre-registered
- Attendees who are not part of the same immediate household must be seated at least 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together less than 6 feet apart

- Graduates must be seated at least 6 feet apart
- Graduates must enter 6 feet apart from each other in a single line
- If a line forms outside graduation, those waiting must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Exiting of attendees should be conducted row by row
- All attendees must wear face coverings before, during and after the ceremony. Speakers may remove masks during their remarks
- Anyone who refuses to wear a face covering or mask without valid justification (health condition) will be refused entry
- There can be no communal gathering/reception either before or after graduation
- No food or drink is allowed
- No hugging or hand shaking is allowed
- Ceremonies should be kept as brief as possible
- Individuals must promptly depart the premises in an orderly fashion after the ceremony is over