

DELTA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

JUNE 4, 2020

Dear Delta Families,

We appreciate your patience as we work to build two potential graduation ceremonies that are new to all of us! It is our sincere hope that we are allowed to hold the drive-in ceremony and to at least have students on the Delta campus and together for the event. Preliminary details of the drive-in ceremony are in Plan A below, with the virtual ceremony following as Plan B. Please read all details carefully. The regulations put forward by the Washington State Department of Health are very clear and will cause some families to restrict who is able to come, especially if there are multiple households involved. While this is disappointing we do hope you understand that our top priority is to have the students here together in a safe and protected environment. Anyone unable to attend in person will be able to watch live online and to watch the recorded video online at a later time. We greatly appreciate your understanding and your adherence to the guidelines listed below. We are proud of our Class of 2020 and look forward to celebrating their four years at Delta in just a few short weeks. More information regarding the ceremony will be sent out as it is available. Please check the Delta Class of 2020 webpage to ensure you have all the most up-to-date information. Thank you!

Respectfully,

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Principal

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PLAN A

Date	June 4, 2020
Time	around 8:00 pm(still working on final time--trying to optimize our ability to project with the daylight)
Place	Delta High School, back parking lot. Stage will be set up and large screens placed on each lawn area around the stage for those with obstructed viewing due to landscaping.
Online	Ceremony will be livestreamed online for viewing by family and friends not residing in your immediate household. The link will be found on the Delta Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/wearedeltahs/ . Following the ceremony an additional link will be shared for later viewing.
Arrival	Detailed arrival and parking information will be sent out separately. Students are being given the opportunity to choose another student to park next to, and from there parking spots will be given out randomly (except student speakers will park up front).
Conditions	If Franklin County has been allowed to move to Phase 2 of Washington's phased approach to re-opening, the ceremony will be held as a drive-in ceremony in the back parking lot at Delta High School.

The Washington State Department of Health has issued guidelines for this type of ceremony which must be strictly adhered to by all graduates and their families.

Only students, and only their immediate family members who are staying at home together and who are not sick, may arrive in the same vehicle.

(a) All persons attending the ceremony must drive up in an enclosed vehicle and remain in that same vehicle during the entire ceremony. Individuals should not get out of their vehicle during the ceremony for any reason.

(b) Vehicle windows, sunroofs, and convertible tops must remain closed during the entire ceremony unless the vehicle is parked more than six feet from any other vehicle. [Note: We plan to have most vehicles spaced more than 6 feet apart for the ceremony, so open windows may be possible for most vehicles.]

(c) No more than 10 people may be in a single vehicle.

These guidelines do mean that people cannot be sitting in the back of a truck bed. All vehicles must be "normal" size—no limos, no extended vans, etc.

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Additional guidance from WSDOH to ensure safe ceremonies:

- *High risk populations should stay home.*
- *People who have COVID-19 or who are in close contact with someone who has COVID19, must remain at home in isolation or quarantine.*
- *People must stay home if they feel sick.*
- *Each vehicle may contain only members from a single household who are not sick (no comingling of families or friends within a vehicle).*
- *There may be no person-to-person contact during any ceremony. Individuals may not hand students diplomas, or any other items, or shake graduates' hands.*
- *Vehicles should be turned off during the ceremony. Only staff may be outside of their cars.*
- *There should be no refreshments to prevent areas of congregation and additional areas to monitor. Restroom access will be limited and available for emergency use only. Anyone waiting in line must be six feet or more apart from others. Students and families should be advised in advance that refreshments will not be available and restroom access limited to emergencies only.*

We encourage students to wear their cap and gown for the ceremony. Since pictures have already been taken and students are in cars, feel free to decorate your cap/gown as desired. We also encourage families to decorate their cars, so long as their decorations are appropriate and would not disrupt the view of another vehicle in the parking lot. Honking your car horn to cheer on your graduate is welcomed, but please make it short to ensure that the name of the next student is able to be heard. Every student deserves to hear their name called out as a celebration of the work they have put in to make this day a reality.

PLAN B

Date	June 4, 2020
Time	7:00 pm
Place	The ceremony will be streamed online for viewing by students, family and friends at: https://www.facebook.com/wearedeltahs/ . Following the ceremony an additional link will be shared for later viewing.
Conditions	If Franklin County continues to operate in Phase 1 of Washington's phased approach to re-opening, the ceremony will be held virtually.