

Lodi High Graduation FAQ Document

Updated May 3rd, 2021

Please note that updated questions/answers have been colored red. Thank you.

Q: When is the graduation ceremony for the class of 2021?

The ceremony is scheduled for June 9th @ 7PM at 1111 W. Century Blvd. (Tokay High School football field)

Q: Why are seniors graduating at another school, rather than at Spanos Center or the Grape Bowl?

Unfortunately, UOP has not made their facility available this year because of the pandemic. The Grape Bowl also cannot be used, as it has a much more limited capacity, as much of the seating has been determined to be legally unfit for use.

Q: Will graduates and guests be required to wear masks or socially distance?

Yes. CDPH guidance required ALL parties to wear a face mask at the event with the exception of those who give speeches, *during the time in which they are speaking*. All guests will be provided seating in pods that will allow them to remain socially distanced in stands; graduates will be seated 6 feet from one another on the field as well.

Q: How is planning being conducted for graduation?

Our graduation planning is being conducted according to guidance from the CDPH ([CDPH Graduation Guidance](#)). With direct input from our students, our priorities are to ensure that we include as many graduates as possible in our ceremony, and to make the ceremony as accessible for as many guests as is possible through a variety of measures (including providing COVID testing vouchers to students and

guests, which will allow them to attend without contributing to the capacity limits set forth by San Joaquin County Public Health).

Q: When will graduation practice take place and how will kids get there?

Graduation practice will take place on the morning of graduation—at 8:45 AM, LHS seniors will report to Lodi High and will be transported to 1111 W. Century Blvd. by bus to practice. ***Only seniors who participate in graduation practice can take place in Lodi High’s graduation ceremony.**

Q: What is the capacity for the graduation ceremony and how many guests will each graduate be able to invite?

***guidance provided by LUSD and CDPH to meet the priorities listed above**

Red Tier

- All graduates will be given **1** ticket for graduation.
- If graduating students complete regular weekly testing for two weeks prior to graduation, they may give the ticket to a guest. If not, the graduating student will use the ticket themselves.
- Graduates may invite an **additional guest** if the guest has been fully vaccinated or completed regular weekly testing for at least two weeks prior to graduation (the guest/graduate may utilize their own health care provider or a district provided test—whichever method is preferred)
- The district will provide testing vouchers for guests needing COVID 19 tests. Guests must register for COVID 19 tests by 05/07/2021 in order to receive the first test voucher in a timely fashion.
- Guests must complete COVID 19 testing requirements on the scheduled testing dates (5/26/21 and 6/2/21) and pre-register their attendance with the school at least 72 hours before the graduation ceremony.

Orange Tier and Yellow Tier

- All graduates will be given **2** tickets for graduation.

- If graduating students complete regular weekly testing for two weeks prior to graduation, they may give the ticket(s) to guests. If not, the graduating student will use one of the tickets.
- Guests must pre-register their attendance with the school at least 72 hours before the graduation ceremony.

Q: Where can guests request the COVID testing to attend the graduation ceremony?

COVID Testing Registration for Guests: <https://forms.gle/bGnQEALBmeCSGpvL6>

Currently, we are looking to provide tests for students and guests that will be mailed directly home. However, we are also exploring the possibility of hosting on-site testing to accommodate as well. *More details will be coming soon.

Q: Is there an age requirement for guests?

Guests may be any age, but each person—no matter the age—will count as a guest toward the capacity of the ceremony, and must be pre-registered 72 hours in advance (only admitted with a ticket). *More details coming soon.

Q: If my graduate is fully vaccinated, will they need to take the weekly COVID testing prior to graduation?

No. Any fully vaccinated students who have received their final vaccine by May 26th, will not count toward the capacity of the venue. Also, any fully vaccinated adults, as of May 26th, will not count toward capacity, so long as they are one of their graduate's designated guest(s). *Any fully-vaccinated individual will be required to bring proof of their vaccination with them to the graduation ceremony.

Q: Will live streaming be available for guests who cannot attend the physical graduation ceremony?

We completely understand that many relatives and family members get together to celebrate the accomplishments of graduates, as the celebration is cumulative of the efforts of our students over the past 13 years. In an attempt to provide families with the opportunity to celebrate together as much as possible, we will host livestreaming to include those far away and those at home. Our Technology Department is working with the County Office of Education to determine viability and placement of cameras at this time. We anticipate being able to livestream the event on both the LUSD YouTube page and the Lodi High YouTube page as well.

Q: If I am exposed to someone with COVID, will I be able to attend graduation?

For any non-vaccinated graduate or guest, they will be required to quarantine and remain home (from graduation) if they meet the exposure protocols: within 6 feet of a laboratory confirmed COVID case for 15 minutes over a 24 period of time.

Q: Is there any chance that the above information will be changed in the coming weeks?

Yes. We can only operate under the guidelines provided to LUSD by the CDPH and the San Joaquin County Office of Public Health. We will do all that we can, within our scope and power, to ensure that our graduates have a safe and compliant graduation ceremony!