



July 16, 2020

# ALERT! NEW & ENHANCED PLANS FOR GRADUATION 2020

Dear Class of 2020 and Chesty Lion Families,

In an effort to strike a balance between the district's desire to host graduations to celebrate the Class of 2020 and concerns with the increased community spread of COVID-19, the district announces a modified plan for Saturday's ceremonies that seeks to mitigate contact as much as possible. We will stagger the arrival of small groups of graduates and their ticketed guests, who are invited to walk together into the stadium, receive their diplomas, take photographs, and exit the stadium and campus.

All of the previously announced safety measures, including ticketing, social distancing, and the wearing of masks are required. Each graduate will be provided a custom Chesty Lion mask.

Anyone at high risk of infection, experiencing COVID symptoms/testing positive for COVID, having been exposed to someone exhibiting COVID symptoms/testing positive for COVID, or having traveled to an identified "hot spot" should not attend graduation.

Please read carefully the following pages for important details.

*Your Chesty Lion Administrators:* Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Interim Principal; Dr. Margene Brohammer, Associate Principal; John Hilton, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Mark Preut, Assistant Principal/Activities Director; Quentin Rials, Assistant Principal/Facilities



# CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION

## LET'S ALL DO OUR PART

Masks are required on the LHS campus for graduation. This includes the LHS Soccer Stadium, LHS Football Stadium, and all pathways to and from vehicles. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, there will be no handshaking, hugging, physical contact, or high fives during staging, the processional, or on the stage.

**In the past, beach balls have been passed through the student body. Because of safety concerns associated with COVID-19 spread, no beach balls will be allowed.**

## REMINDERS ABOUT TEMPERATURES AND TURF

Temperatures are expected to be in the triple digits with possible heat advisories. No ticketed guest or graduate seating will be provided in the Soccer Stadium or Football Stadium, so please plan accordingly. All attendees are encouraged to bring water bottles.

## TICKETS

Ticket distribution has enabled us to follow public health and safety guidelines related to social distancing. One ticket per guest, regardless of age, is required for entry into the event. (Graduates will not need a ticket.)

## PARKING

Limited Parking will be available in both the North and South parking lots on the LHS campus. Handicapped accessible parking will be available in both the North and South parking lots on the LHS campus. Shuttles will be available to transport those with mobility concerns to the stadium.

## NO SEATING

Stands will remain empty during the ceremony. Graduates and their guests will process together into the stadium and exit together.

## REPORT TIMES TO STAGING AREAS & PROCESSIONAL

To allow for smaller groups and allow for physical distancing, graduates and their guests have been divided into teams by alphabet. Therefore, report times have changed (see next page for details).



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## GRADUATION CEREMONY

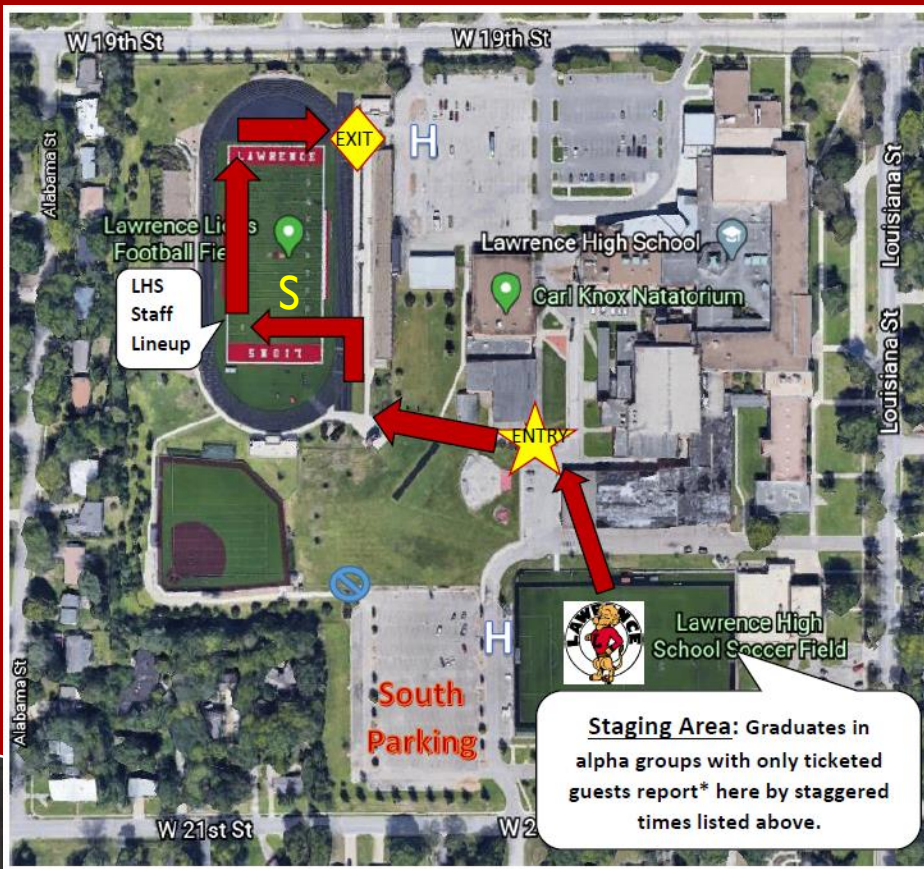
Saturday, July 18

Group 1 (Last Name A-E) – Report\* at 6:30 pm, Process at 7:00 pm

Group 2 (Last Name F-K) – Report\* at 7:00 pm, Process at 7:30 pm

Group 3 (Last Name L-R) – Report\* at 7:30 pm, Process at 8:00 pm

Group 4 (Last Name S-Z) – Report\* at 8:00 pm, Process at 8:30 pm



 Not an entrance

 Handicapped accessible parking

Graduates report at assigned times with their ticketed guests to the LHS Soccer Field. Graduates will then process with their guests into the Football Stadium to the Stage Area (marked S on the map above). Names will be announced as graduates cross the stage and rejoin their ticketed guests. Graduates and their guests will process past LHS Staff, maintaining physical distance and exit through the North Stadium Gate. It is important to then exit the campus quickly to allow for the next alphabet group to report, process, celebrate, and exit.



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## REMINDER ABOUT TEMPERATURES & TURF

Current weather predictions call for a hot Saturday, so please keep in mind that the turf will add a minimum of 10-degrees to the air temperature. We ask that graduates stay hydrated and plan for warm temperatures when choosing their school-appropriate attire under their gown.

Graduates and their guests should also wear flats or low-heeled shoes, as they are best for track and turf surfaces. Because spiked heels cause damage to the turf/track and sink into the surfaces, they are not allowed.

## GRADUATION REGALIA

Students may wear traditional tribal regalia or objects of cultural significance during graduation. No profanity or hate speech can be displayed.

## LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

Thanks to our partner, MidcoSN, the graduation ceremonies will be broadcast live on MidcoSN cable channels 622 & 32 and the official MidcoSN Facebook page at [facebook.com/midcoSNKansas/](https://facebook.com/midcoSNKansas/). DVDs of the ceremony will be available for purchase through Midco at [kansas.midcosn.com/schedule/order](https://kansas.midcosn.com/schedule/order).

## DIPLOMAS

Diplomas will be available at the north end of the stadium after the ceremony. If not attending the ceremony, seniors can pick up their diplomas in the LHS Summer School Office, starting July 20 between 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Thursday. Offices are closed on Fridays. Please call 785-832-5050 to schedule diploma pick-up during these times.



# LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH INFORMATION

## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



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*It's a Great Day to be a Lion!*