



# Hanceville High School

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Dear Senior Student and parents of Hanceville High School,

It is with great excitement that we prepare to host graduation for the class of 2020 at Hanceville High School, Ray Tally Stadium. We are consistently receiving updated guidance on how to ensure safe distance for all spectators involved in graduation ceremonies and supports of our graduates and community. Although you and your family may be well and confident in being around each other, please respectfully maintain social distance between families due to students and their families who may have a compromised immune system or fall in at-risk categories.

In order to keep families together and at an appropriate social distance from other families, we have established the following procedures for Hanceville High School

1. Graduates may have up to 10 family members present at the ceremony
2. We will use the home and away visitor bleachers, top track and bowl area for seating of families. Please maintain 6 feet between family groups.
3. Gates will open up at 5:30. Please do not stand in line to enter the field. The following gates will be open to enter the field (gate next to Veterans Park, gate across from the baseball field and gate across from the elementary).
4. Family groups must enter together and sit together. Handicapped seating is available next to the home concession stand. Handicapped parking is located next to the gate across from the elementary building. We welcome car pooling to this event as well.
5. It is permissible to bring lawn chairs to sit with your family group around the top of the stadium and blankets to set in the grass of the bowl
6. Nobody is allowed in the actually playing field or the track around the playing field.
7. After the ceremony, graduates will be escorted to the parking lot where they **MUST** leave campus immediately following the ceremony. Family members will be dismissed by row and sections next to the gate your setting at. I encourage you to establish an off-campus location to meet family and friends for photos.

**The following guidance was sent to us o Friday from Dr. Eric Mackey, State Superintendent of Education and we will establish procedures to follow these guidelines.**

“At a minimum, gatherings must be held in a facility that would allow a distance of six feet between families. Family members of the same household may sit together without regard to the social distance rule”

**Health Protocols for serving attendees:**

1. Strongly encourage people 65 or older and others especially at risk to watch or participate in the service on Facebook Live. Our ceremony will be live on Hanceville High School Facebook.
2. Ensure proper spacing between attendees
3. Keep at least 6 feet of separation between parties in any row, except as follows. Two or more members of the same household can sit next to one another, with two seats (or six feet separation) empty on either side
4. Alternate rows between attendees (every other row left empty)

**All individuals and especially vulnerable person are encouraged to exercise personal responsibility in slowing the spread of the COVID-19 by**

- Minimizing travel outside the home, especially if sick,
- Wearing face coverings around people from other households when it is necessary to leave the home
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer
- Refraining from touching one’s face
- Sneezing or coughing into a tissue, or the inside of one’s elbow
- Disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible

I look forward to congratulating each one of you on your accomplishments. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Jimmy Collins

Principal Hanceville High School