Allegheny Community of Mutual Care

Being an Allegheny Gator means that each of us is a part of this community and must be willing to take steps to stay well and purposefully protect each other and the community as a whole. As graduates, you will always be Gators who share our commitment to an inclusive, respectful and safe residential learning community.

We are delighted to celebrate the Class of 2020, and we expect those who visit campus for Commencement on November 22, 2020, to follow protocols designed to help keep the Allegheny community safe from the spread of COVID-19 and other infections. The intent of these expectations is to minimize the incidence and spread of COVID-19, given our best knowledge of the disease at the time.

Expectations of Commencement Participants and Guests

Before Arrival:
- To assist with physical distancing, each graduate is permitted up to two guests, whose names must be submitted to the Commencement Committee in advance.
- As much as possible, we encourage graduates, those they live with, and anyone traveling with them to self-isolate for four or more days before coming to campus. If this is not possible, please make sure you are avoiding possible exposure by wearing a face covering, practicing physical distancing, washing your hands thoroughly, and using hand sanitizer.
- Graduates and their guests should observe these same precautions during any stops while they are traveling to campus and during their stay in the Meadville area.

Please do not plan to come to campus if:
- You or anyone in your party has experienced any of the following symptoms: fever of 100.4 F (38 C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.
- In the past 24 hours, you or anyone in your party has been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Direct contact means spending more than 5 minutes with a person who is closer than six feet away from you.
- In the past 14 days you or anyone in your party has traveled internationally or domestically to an area under stay-at-home orders.
- You would be traveling from one of the states for which the state of Pennsylvania is currently requiring a 14-day quarantine.

While On Campus:
- Upon arrival, graduates and their guests will need to submit to a temperature check and health screening questionnaire.
- As much as you would like to hug the people who have been important to you here, you will need to find creative ways to greet each other without physically touching.
Graduates and guests must wear face coverings and maintain appropriate physical distancing during your entire visit, even when taking photographs. Your happiness and pride will show, even if your mouth is covered!
Public areas are being cleaned and sanitized throughout the day, and we ask that you wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.

We know this is not the way you envisioned your Commencement, but your commitment to these expectations will allow us to celebrate your achievement while guaranteeing the health and safety of your fellow graduates, guests, and all those who live and work on campus. We look forward to having you visit campus for Reunion Weekend or another event when we can safely share some hugs and smiles!

Please sign below to confirm that you and your guests agree to follow all COVID-19 protocol deemed necessary and appropriate by Allegheny College for the duration of your visit to campus, including but not limited to wearing a face covering at all times.

By signing below, you agree to each statement above and are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this event, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree to release, absolve, covenant not to sue and agree to hold harmless Allegheny College and any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers liable for any and all legal or financial responsibility for any harm, illness or injury arising out of or relating to exposure to COVID-19.

Name

Date