

## **Addendum to Graduation Ceremony Guidance**

Humboldt County School Administrators,

On May 15, 2020 the Humboldt County Public Health Department issued guidance on graduation ceremonies, stating that only completely virtual or drive-in only services are permissible at this time, and provided requirements for drive-in ceremonies.

After receiving questions from school districts, we wish to elaborate on additional clarification and best practices to keep in mind while planning your event(s).

- If you are providing a drive-in ceremony that includes a large number of graduates, it is recommended that you offer more than one time slot to decrease the numbers gathering at one time.
- For drive-in ceremonies, staff needs to be on-site to direct traffic for parking, diploma pick-up, and exiting.
- Staff should remain distanced and along the perimeter of the event to ensure compliance of all vehicles/attendees.
- A completely virtual ceremony is still strongly suggested, preferably pre-recorded.
  - See the [Virtual Graduation Guide](#) for tips!
- Teachers and other staff members who are not assisting in the production of the event should participate by video rather than on site.

While we understand the significance and sentiment behind honoring our students, it is of utmost importance that everyone fully cooperates and adhere to the current orders, which includes no gatherings of groups outside household units.

**A possibility to keep in mind is delaying your ceremony altogether until it is deemed safe to host large gatherings.**

It should be relayed to district families that post-graduation events are not permissible for those outside the home. The nature of these events has the possibility of bringing together kids and families who have not been intermixing and could overwhelm our local situation.