

Dear graduates and guests,

The Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony will be here in just two days, and we are writing with an important change in our plans.

Face coverings are now required for everyone on campus.

Given the rise of COVID-19 cases in our area and heightened concerns about the spread of the Delta variant of the virus, WPI will now require everyone on campus—whether vaccinated or unvaccinated—to wear a face covering at all times indoors and when social distancing of six feet cannot be maintained outdoors. This includes both the Friday and Saturday Commencement events.

Please plan on wearing a face covering at all Commencement events and throughout your time on campus. We strongly advise wearing face coverings when gathering in groups off campus as well.

On **Friday, August 6**, the Commencement Stop-in Visitor Center will be open from 4–7 p.m. in the Rubin Campus Center. Graduates and named guests are welcome to stop in briefly to have a drink, spend a few minutes visiting with friends, pick-up their copy of *True to Plan*, or take photos before heading out to dinner or elsewhere with friends or family.

On **Saturday, August 7**, graduates should line-up from 7:30–8:30 a.m. Arrive to the fountain area and go directly to your assigned line dressed in your regalia and wearing a face covering; feel free to bring a bottle of water as well. Ticketed guests may enter the Quad beginning at 7 a.m. to be seated. All guests must wear a face covering at all times on campus. Due to contact tracing requirements, only ticketed guests are permitted on campus. Please note seats are separated according to state guidelines and may not be moved.

Additional information is available on the [Commencement website](#). Thank you for celebrating with us and for adhering to our new face-covering guidelines as we manage the ongoing impact of the pandemic on our campus.

Sincerely,
Commencement Planning Team