

Manitoba Education Fact Sheet - Graduation Ceremonies

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For schools wishing to host modified graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020, the limits on gathering sizes outlined by Public Health need to be followed. Effective May 22, 2020 the limits on indoor gatherings increased to 25 and outdoor gatherings allow up to 50 people, where members of the public are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from others, except for brief exchanges.

For schools school divisions or schools contemplating outdoor **“Drive-In” graduation ceremonies** (without limitation on numbers), the following guidelines embedded in the Phase Two Restoring Safe Services plan should be observed.

General

- Participants must maintain physical distancing of at least two meters at all times.
- Participants are required to stay home if they are feeling sick or symptomatic. There is no option for sick or symptomatic participants to stay in their vehicle during the entire ceremony.
- Participants must have access to soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Appropriate cleaner and disinfectants must also be accessible.

Vehicles

- Vehicles must be separated by a minimum of two meters.
- Windows and sunroofs may be open, but doors and trunks are to remain closed.
- Only participants from the same household may occupy the same vehicle.
- Participants are to remain in their vehicles, or stand outside on the left side of their vehicle.
- Participants must maintain physical distancing of at least two meters when outside the vehicle.

Washrooms

- The use of indoor facilities, such as washrooms, is limited to no more than 25 participants at any given time.
- Physical distancing of two meters must be maintained for those waiting for washroom facilities.
- Where washroom access is provided, frequent cleaning and disinfection must take place before, during and after the service.

Other

- If contact is required with any equipment, the equipment must be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Food/concession services that are provide should follow applicable restaurant guidelines and payments should be accepted through contactless methods, where possible.
- All other services must be suspended, including picnic areas and play areas.