

## Updated Graduation Guidelines

- Schools at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium -AHS, BHS/BIB/SMA, GJHS, HCHS/HIB, HSA, KHS, LGHS,LRHS, LHS, MHS, RCHS, THS, WHHS, Frostproof and Ft Meade, Traviss and Ridge Technical Colleges, PVS/Polk Grad Academy, Fresh Start LKND, Fresh Start Winter Haven, Roosevelt, East/West Adult and Gause.
- Graduations are being organized utilizing the City of Lakeland, Detroit Tigers Organization, Lakeland Police Department and with the direction of Dr. Jackson with the Polk County Health Department.
- Learning Centers to postpone graduation to July or August.
- Graduations could be held Saturday June 6 thru Tuesday June 23 (no Sundays). We will also have contingency dates July 1 thru the 17 (no Sundays or July 4<sup>th</sup>).
- We currently have tentative start times of 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Start times could be adjusted due to spring training.
- Graduates will stand 6 feet apart on field and line up six feet apart for reading of names – marked lines for this on warning track to maintain social distancing.
- 7,400 seats, 4 tickets per student, families of four maintain 6 feet distance in stadium. Tickets will have specific seat numbers for social distancing among families.
- Bathrooms –signs made for social distancing (with appropriate distancing lines). Guardian at each bathroom entrance to allow only 1 to 2 in restroom at the time.
- Concession stands will be closed.
- Students and guests wear masks/face coverings. Students will be provided with masks. Families must provide their own. Possible to have some for sale outside of entrance.

- After recessional, students and families must get in cars and leave. LPD and guardians to help enforce.
- Graduation takes no more than one hour (a few larger schools may go beyond an hour).
- **Graduation is voluntary to attend. Schools will stress this repeatedly. Seniors, families and PCPS's employees are not required to attend. This is only for those who feel safe to attend.**
- PCPS employees such as Directors, Sr Directors, Associate and Assistant Superintendents are not required to attend and will be encouraged not to attend unless he/she has a senior graduating. School Board members may attend graduations for the schools in their district. If board members wish to attend other graduations, please let Tami Dawson/Jodi Stidham know and they will get tickets for seating for you. Our goal is to limit the number of people on the field due to social distancing.
- Metal Detectors and security will continue to be utilized.
- All guests will have temperatures checked before entering stadium (including students). If person registers a temp, he/she will be asked to stand aside, and temp will be checked ten minutes later with another thermometer. If a temperature still registers this person will not be admitted to the stadium. Thermometers do not have to touch the skin.
- Military is postponing shipping off dates for graduates (Army, Marines, Navy), Coast guard said yes as well but student must call. Air Force is saying the enlistees must keep their original ship date or cancel enlistment process and start over with a new acceptance process. We will reach out asking if there are any students that are enlisting in the Air Force as they should reach out to their recruiter. Air Force enlistees will be offered another graduation ceremony.
- PCPS will provide live streaming.
- Graduates will cross home plate with diploma in hands and have picture taken with only principal at a distance.

- We have been in constant contact with Dr. Jackson, as time gets closer we will make any new adjustments as needed. Dr. Jackson of the Polk County Health Department is in communication with the CDC and will continue to assist us with the implementation of 2020 graduations.
- The stadium will be sterilized at the end of each day. They will pressure wash surfaces that have had human contact including seating.
- Smaller schools will graduate two in a day. No one will sit in a seat or section previously sat in during the first graduation.

\*\* Graduation guidelines will be updated as needed.