



ALPINE HIGH SCHOOL

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"Alpine ISD will provide our children with learning experiences to be responsible, productive, and successful citizens of an ever changing world."

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We are excited to announce that Alpine ISD will have the 2020 graduation commencement ceremony on Friday, June 5, 2020. The ceremony will be held at Buck Stadium, starting at 7:30 p.m. Screening of the families will start at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive early as the ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. and it could take a while to screen everyone before entry.

We look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating all the accomplishments of the Class of 2020. Live streaming will be available on our website for family members who are unable to attend. Also, KVLFF will be onsite broadcasting the ceremony, so you can tune into 92.7.

Alpine ISD encourages following CDC guidelines for prevention of Coronavirus COVID-19 and how to protect yourself, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

In order to have a face to face graduation ceremony, specific guidelines have been implemented by the Texas Education Agency due to the ongoing pandemic of COVID – 19. At this time, the following TEA guidelines will be in place to ensure the safety of our graduates, parents, and staff:

Outdoor ceremonies must meet the following requirements:

- School systems must cap the number of total participants (inclusive of graduates, five family members, and limited staff)
- Each graduate will be given five tickets for their guests. Tickets are not transferrable and only five guests per graduate will be allowed. Anyone without a ticket will not be allowed to enter the stadium. Please do not request extra tickets, as this will not be allowed. Tickets can be picked up at the high school office beginning Monday, June 1, 2020.
- The graduates' five guests must sit together in the designated spot in the stands. A lottery draw will occur for seat positions. The tickets will be labeled with the number where the family must sit. Everyone, including babies and young children, will be counted as one person and will need a ticket.
- Only designated staff and personnel will be allowed on the field.
- In order to practice social distancing guidelines, guests will be seated in five person "pods" 6 feet apart, in the bleachers. There will be no concession stand and bathrooms will be limited to one person at a time. Guests must remain seated from the time they arrive until they are escorted out; walking or moving around the stadium will not be allowed, except for bathroom breaks.
- Guests must arrive in a single vehicle with your entire party or arrive at the exact same time and enter the stadium together.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available at all venue entrances.
- No rehearsals are allowed.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many institutions across the state, we are recommending, but it is not mandatory, that everyone in attendance wear face coverings (over the nose and mouth) while inside any facilities, or if they will come within 6 feet of another person who is not a member of that person's household, except when photos are taken. Face coverings will not be provided and those choosing to wear a face cover must provide their own.

- CDC Guidance - How to Protect Yourself & Others - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.
 - You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
 - Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
 - The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
 - Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
 - Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.
- Due to social distancing guidelines, graduates and their families will NOT be allowed to congregate on the field or in the parking lot after graduation.
- If you are feeling sick we ask that you stay home for everyone's wellbeing.
- Prior to attending the ceremony, participating students and attending family members must get their temperature checked, plus be screened (via questioning) by school system employees for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

****Those found with any of these signs or symptoms must be excluded from the activity.***

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Muscle pain
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days
 - ***Each attendee, including graduates and school employees, must complete the screening form and turn it in at the entrance gate.***
 - ***The form should be completed prior to arrival at the stadium.***
 - ***Everyone will have their temperature taken at the entrance gate prior enter the stadium.***

A professional photographer will be on the field to take a picture of the graduates as they receive their diploma on the stage.

Thank you for helping us make the graduation ceremony for the Alpine High School Class of 2020 special.

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