

COVID-19 Guidance for 2022 End-of-Year Activities



Commencement events can be held indoors.

There are no current restrictions related to indoor events and dining; however, University departments should continue to prioritize outdoor events and dining when possible. If holding an event inside, physical distancing should be maintained, meals should be grab-and-go, and hand sanitizer should be made readily available.



Public health guidance can help reduce COVID-19 transmission.

All public health guidance should continue to be followed by all. This includes:

- Mask-up while in the classroom, in healthcare spaces and on Penn Transit ([see the latest guidance](#)). Masking is always an option for everyone with concerns.
- Wash hands often.
- Stay home when feeling sick.
- Complete daily [PennOpen Pass](#) symptom checker and exposure report.
- Avoid eating and drinking indoors.
- Maintain physical distancing whenever possible indoors, especially if eating or drinking.



Masks are not required during commencement events.

At this time, masks are only required in classrooms, healthcare spaces, and on Penn Transit. While masking is still strongly encouraged in indoor public settings, it is not currently mandated by the City of Philadelphia.



Visitors are required to complete PennOpen Campus upon arrival to campus.

Yes, all event participants, spectators, and visitors must complete a day-of symptom check through [PennOpen Campus](#) and follow all other [University public health guidance](#). Visitors can access information on [how PennOpen Campus works](#). Penn community members should complete their [PennOpen Pass](#).



Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is not required in campus buildings.

Visitors are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated and boosted when visiting campus, but they are not required to show proof of vaccination in buildings on campus. Visitors who are not fully vaccinated and boosted are encouraged to always remain masked.



Proof of a negative COVID-19 test is not required.

Visitors are not required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test, but they are expected to stay home and mask if they are not feeling well. Visitors who are not fully vaccinated and boosted are encouraged to always remain masked.

Event attendees should be aware of any specific guidance from their individual School or venues where events are being held.

Please visit the [Commencement website](#) for information about the Class of 2022 ceremonial activities including Convocation, the Baccalaureate ceremony and Commencement.