

Commencement COVID-19 Safety FAQs

We ask all attendees to please monitor their health symptoms and ask if you feel unwell the day of the ceremonies to please not attend the in-person event, but instead watch the event live streamed. People with high health risks are advised to watch the ceremony from the comfort of their own home.

Travel to Maryland

As state travel and quarantine restrictions are dynamic, out of state guests are recommended to plan their travel with the greatest flexibility possible. We encourage you to consider refundable airfare, train fare, and hotels.

Will masks be required?

Yes. TU is a mask-on campus. If face shields are worn, they must be used in conjunction with a mask. Masks will be required for all attendees of the commencement ceremonies. Please plan to bring your own personal mask from home for the day.

How will we find our seats and maintain physical distance?

We have endeavored to limit the number of attendees for the October ceremonies in order to ensure physical distancing. Ushers will be in the stands for seating and exiting the day of the ceremonies. We ask that you please arrive with your entire party so that you may be seated together in your assigned “pod” that will be at least 6 feet away from the next pod. Please follow the instructions of the ushers carefully as they will seat parties in order to maintain physical distancing.

Will food be available?

Due to risks of associated with food service, food or drink will not be available in the stadium. You may bring unopened, non-alcoholic drinks in sealed plastic bottles. Small snacks are permitted.

Will bathrooms be available?

Bathrooms will be available, but we ask all attendees to maintain physical distancing while using and not congregating in these areas or in any other part of the stadium.

What happens if the stadium needs to be evacuated due to severe weather?

Guests will be asked to return to their vehicles.

Can I bring an umbrella?

Umbrellas are inadmissible to the stadium, please leave in your vehicle.

In addition the following items are inadmissible into Johnny Unitas® Stadium for this event:

- Alcohol
 - Animals - except service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Audio Recording Equipment
 - Bags larger than 22" x 12" x 8"
 - Beverages- Sealed and unopened nonalcoholic beverages will be permitted for this event
 - Bicycles
 - Cameras (still) with lens greater than 8" (along with Monopods, Bipods and Tripods).
 - Containers (common examples include, but are not limited to: hard sided coolers, soft pack coolers, ice chests, picnic baskets, refillable bottles or thermoses)
 - Confetti, streamers, glitter and balloons
 - Food (small snacks are permitted; persons with young children or medical infirmities may be exempt)
 - Illegal Drugs
 - Laser Pointers
 - Markers, glitter and/or paint
 - Noisemaking devices (common examples include, but are not limited to: whistles, air horns, bull horns, blow horns, musical instruments, kazoos, bugles, cow bells, thunder sticks, sirens, and boom boxes) – excluding all marketing giveaways
 - Sticks or Poles – including "selfie sticks"
 - Sports Equipment (common examples include, but are not limited to: basketballs, beach balls, footballs, baseballs, lacrosse balls, Segway's or other non-medical motorized scooter, skateboards, and roller blades)
 - Umbrellas
 - Video Recording Equipment
 - Weapons - Common examples include, but are not limited to: aerosol cans, mace, pepper spray, firearms* (including concealed carry weapon permit holders), fireworks, pocket knives, knives, spiked bracelets, brass knuckles, martial arts weapons, stun guns, toy gun and chains.
- *Sworn law enforcement officers in plain clothes or off duty must contact the Towson University Police Department in advance at 410-704-2134.*