

**COSSA Academy Alternative Jr/Sr High School  
Covid-19 Responsive Graduation Plan  
Class of 2020**

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## **Graduation Plan – Overview**

Date: Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Caldwell Memorial Park

Set Up/Plan: Master of Ceremonies set up at Band Shell

Families of graduates centered on picnic/other tables. Crepe or tape used to separate family groups.

Families separated into family “groups”, spread throughout park’s lawn.

Administration will move to family area to award diploma and pose for photos

## **Social Distancing and Mitigation Strategies for Graduation Ceremony**

Health Concerns. Participants and family members are requested to stay home if sick or high-risk. Staff, students, and families must feel healthy and be symptom free prior to attending the event. Do not come on site if you have any sign of illness or special condition, such as:

Oral temperature of 100.4 or greater.

Cough.

Shortness of Breath.

Cold-like Symptoms.

Nausea/Vomiting or Diarrhea.

You have been in close contact with someone who is being investigated for Covid-19 or is diagnosed with Covid-19.

You are considered high risk, or you have close contact with those who self-determine they are in a high risk group, or you are immunocompromised.

You have been diagnosed with Covid-19.

Physical Distancing. Physical distancing protocols will still be in effect: masks and gloves for any person moving between groups, 6-foot separation between groups. COSSA cannot require everyone to wear masks, but we can stop the ceremony if anyone endangers someone else.

Separation. We intend to separate each student's family into their own area, roped off from other families. Graduates can bring as many guests as they want (up to a max of 50) as long as they stay in their family area.

Seating. Each area will have a picnic (or similar) table. If families have more than the 5 or 6 people who can sit at the picnic table they will have to bring their own chairs. Students will remain with their families.

Entrance of Candidates: Students will march in along the center sidewalk, and will leave their line to join their family groups as they reach the end of the march. Photos may be taken of entering students as long as family members maintain distancing.

Accomplishments: Students will be acknowledged for significant accomplishments such as being awarded scholarships. They will stand to receive acknowledgement in their family area.

Awarding of Diplomas. Staff will move to each student's family area in-turn. Photos will be taken across the barrier, without staff and student touching.

Celebration: Families are encouraged to decorate their area to celebrate their student's achievement.

Release: Family groups will be released in stages to reduce congestion as they leave the park.

## **Graduation Ceremony Sanitation Protocols**

### **Park-Wide Disinfection**

We will use a combination of CDC-approved products including hospital-grade disinfectant and a dilution of disinfecting bleach to clean picnic tables, chairs, bleachers, podium, public-announcing system, speakers, etc.

### **Hand Sanitizer Stations**

Participants and guest can keep their hands sanitized using the automatic touchless dispensers of professional grade hand sanitizer in the vicinity of the ceremony.

### **Hand Sanitizing While Awarding Diplomas**

Staff will be the only ones handling diploma covers. Two or three staff members will move to a graduate's family area. The staff will hold the diploma in front of the student, who will move to the area next to the staff, but remain behind the barrier. The student's family can act as a backdrop to the photo.

Appendix One – Map of Graduation Ceremony

MEMORIAL PARK - CALOWELL, IDAHO  
Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
5:00 am

