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Dear Whiting School graduate students:

As a result of new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Baltimore City's revised COVID-related rules, including those governing large outdoor gatherings, we are happy to inform you that **every JHU student who is graduating this year now is permitted to bring a limited number of guests** to join them at in-person commencement and other end-of-year activities, including our Master's Recognition Ceremony, which will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26 on the Homewood Field.

Every master's candidate taking part in the in-person ceremony will be allotted two guest tickets. The tickets must be shown upon entry to the event to ensure sufficiently low density and to maintain public health and safety, and all guests are required to adhere to strict COVID safety guidelines (below). We also will be [live-streaming the event](#) for those of you cannot attend on the Homewood campus.

If you are inviting guests, [advance registration is required](#) and the **deadline for guest registration is Friday, May 21 at 5 p.m.**

We know that for some students, the previous restriction on guests may have contributed to their decision to *not* take part in the in-person ceremony, which is why we now **are re-opening registration** for this ceremony to all graduating master's students. If you have not yet registered for the ceremony but now would like to attend, [you must register as soon as possible](#). The new deadline for student registration is **Friday, May 21 at 5 p.m.** As a reminder, regalia is required for the ceremony. If you have not yet ordered regalia, you can purchase it in-person at the [Johns Hopkins Barnes and Noble](#) store prior to the ceremony.

The health and safety of our community members remains our top priority. All students and their guests attending WSE's end-of-year events in-person are required to adhere to strict COVID safety guidelines, including:

- **Guests must register in advance to receive their admission tickets**, which will be required for entry. **We will require contact information from every guest**, in the event that contact tracking is necessary.
- **Entrances will be limited and masking will be required at all times** for guests and graduates—including when outdoors.
- Upon entry, **all guests will be asked to confirm that they have not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past two weeks**, and have not come into contact with anyone experiencing such symptoms.
- **All attendees will be expected to maintain 6' of physical distancing throughout the event**, with the exception of guests who are members of the same household.

Guest parking will be located in the San Martin Garage (3500 San Martin Drive) on the Homewood Campus. Additional guest information, including what guests will be permitted and not permitted to bring to the ceremony, will be shared prior to the ceremony.

We are excited to be able to offer this option to your friends and family.

If you have any questions, please email engineering@jhu.edu.

With warm regards,

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