



### **COVID-19 Risk Reduction Plan for Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation: 2021**

*This plan was developed by consulting guidance documents from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the more restrictive California Department of Public Health (CDPH).*

#### **COVID-19 Policies**

##### *Masks Required for All: Even the Fully Vaccinated*

Centers for Disease Control recently loosened restrictions related to mask use for those fully vaccinated against COVID-19. However, the State of California and SPSV continue to follow more restrictive policies. Also, some of our graduates and guests may not yet be fully vaccinated and/or at elevated risk for catching the virus.

To reduce the risk of an outbreak that could harm our community, all attendees must wear a mask—from the time they arrive on campus to the time they leave. Masks must cover the mouth and nose. SPSV reserves the right to remove any attendee who does not comply with this policy. **Our mask policy applies to Mass and graduation.**

##### *Seating for Guests*

In compliance with CDPH guidelines, SPSV will assign seating pods with four chairs for each family. These seats cannot be moved or re-arranged. There will be six feet between each pod.

##### *Social Distancing*

Individual groups of guests should stay six feet apart from the guests of other graduates.

##### *Hand Sanitation Stations*

Graduates, guests, faculty and staff will have access to hand sanitizer throughout the Mass and graduation.

##### *Disinfection*

The following will be disinfected before and after the Mass and graduation:

- Seating areas for guests
- Seating areas for students
- Seating for faculty
- Seating areas for officiants and speakers
- Seating and performance areas for singers
- All microphones and musical equipment
- All podiums, music stands and tables
- Restrooms and hand sanitation stations
- All relevant classrooms and offices

Restrooms will also be disinfected during Mass and graduation.

##### *Food and Beverages*

Only water is allowed on campus during these events.

##### *Expectation of Self-Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms*

All graduates and attendees are expected to screen themselves of the symptoms listed below before arriving at Mass and graduation.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

##### *If You Have a Symptom of COVID-19*

Anyone with even *one* COVID-19 symptom should not attend Mass or graduation.

##### *Close Contacts to Someone with COVID-19*

Anyone who has been deemed a close contact to someone currently managing COVID-19 should not attend Mass or graduation.

##### *"High Risk" Guests*

Per CDPH, "People at higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 (such as older adults and people with chronic medical conditions) are strongly urged not to attend any gatherings." This guidance applies to Mass or graduation.

##### *Recent Travelers*

Guests are expected to comply with the State of California's current [travel advisory](#).

**Dates, Times and Logistics: Baccalaureate Mass**

Thursday, May 20

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School Amphitheatre  
Four guests per graduate only. No tickets required;  
faculty and staff will check in families.

*Arrival Time for Graduates*

5:00 p.m., unless ceremony duties require an earlier arrival time. Graduates must arrive at this time to turn in school materials and to complete graduation rehearsal.

*Arrival Time for Faculty and Staff*

4:45 p.m., unless ceremony duties require an earlier arrival time.

*Arrival Time for Guests*

6:00 p.m. Since seating will be assigned, families do not need to arrive earlier to claim preferred seating locations.

*Entrances and Exits for Guests*

- Last name Aguilar-Escobar: Library gate (Gold)
- Last name Fenando-McRitchie: Main entrance (Green)
- Last name Militar-Yuan: Cafeteria gate (White)
- Guests with disabilities: Enter and exit at the main entrance (Green)

**Dates, Times and Logistics: Graduation**

Saturday, May 22

10 a.m.

St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School Amphitheatre  
Four guests per graduate only  
Tickets required

*Arrival Details for Graduates*

Arrive by 9 a.m. All graduates must enter through the cafeteria gate, unless ceremony duties require an earlier arrival time.

*Arrival Details for Faculty and Staff*

Arrive by 8:45 a.m. All faculty, staff and administrators must enter through the main entrance or the library gate.

*Arrival Details for Guests*

No earlier than 9:15 a.m. Since seating is assigned, no guests need to arrive early for preferred seating locations. Gates close at 9:50 a.m.

*Entrances and Exits for Guests*

- Last name Aguilar-Escobar: Library gate (Gold)
- Last name Fenando-McRitchie: Main entrance (Green)
- Last name Militar-Yuan: Cafeteria gate (White)
- Guests with disabilities: Enter and exit at the main entrance (Green)
- Guests will use their entrance points as their exits.

*Greeters at Entries*

At each entry point, greeters will take tickets and direct guests to their seats.

**Ceremony***Seating for Ceremony Officials, Faculty and Staff*

Most Reverend Bishop Jaime Soto, Principal Martin and Dr. Evans will sit next to the stage in the amphitheatre, in effort to stay twelve feet from the podium.

Faculty and staff will sit upstairs in the Old Academic Building.

*Hand Sanitation*

Graduates will also have access to hand sanitizer while waiting for graduation to begin. All graduates will have access to hand sanitizer right before and after they receive their diplomas.

*Microphone Use and Disinfection*

Student speakers must sanitize their hands immediately before and/or after they use the podium microphone.

*Cheering*

According to the CDPH, "All people who are singing, chanting, shouting, cheering, or engaging in similar activities should wear a face covering at all times." Thank you for complying with this guidance.

**Post-Ceremony Recession**

First: Officials to main office.

Second: Students to guests.