

# COMMENCEMENT ON THE NATIONAL MALL FOR THE CLASSES OF 2020 AND 2021

## National Mall Information



### \* Graduate Line-ups and Seating

All graduates should enter from 7th Street SW to check in when arriving at the National Mall on Saturday, October 2. Graduates must show one of the following in order to check in:

- Centuries Celebration Weekend credential
- Vaccination card that provides proof that you are fully vaccinated *plus* photo identification
- Documentation of a negative COVID-19 test dated no more than 72 hours before Commencement *plus* photo identification
- GW Medical Portal clearance badge (for current GW students, faculty, and staff) *plus* photo identification

After checking in, you will be directed to the graduate staging area. Look for the sign with your school name and prepare to line up for the procession. Your school will assemble and process to its assigned seating area once the ceremony begins.

### Guest Seating

Guest seating is available to families and guests on a general admission basis after clearance at checkpoints. ADA seating is also available in guest seating for anyone with limited mobility or a wheelchair user plus one guest. Ushers will be available to assist with seating. **All guests should be seated, clear of all aisles to allow graduates to process in a safe, orderly, and timely manner by 10:00 a.m.**

### Livestream

The ceremony can be viewed live at [commencement.gwu.edu](https://commencement.gwu.edu).

### In Case of Emergency

This event is held rain or shine, but if the National Park Service determines it is not safe to allow guests on the National Mall due to potential severe inclement weather, we will attempt to hold the ceremony on Sunday, October 3 at 11:00. Participants should check the **Commencement website** periodically on October 2 for the latest information.