

SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Albany Campus Commencement Details
Friday, May 14, 2021 (2021 and 2020 graduates)

Per guidance from NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH), SUNY Poly is expected to comply with specific requirements related to our Commencement ceremony.

Accordingly, students are currently permitted to bring up to four guests, due to the strictly enforced commencement limitations. Guests are encouraged to arrive in the same vehicle and family members should remain together the entire time you are on campus. The ceremony will be held outside, rain or shine, so please consider appropriate clothing, etc. in the event of inclement weather.

A live feed will be available for all guests who are unable to attend the in-person commencement ceremony. The [live feed can be accessed here](#).

During the in-person commencement, face coverings must be worn at all times by graduates and their guests. Everyone must practice social distancing, follow the directions on posted signage, follow the directions of event staff, leave if sick or upon receiving positive test results, and report illness or positive COVID-19 test results IMMEDIATELY.

Parking will be available in [Lots A1 and the back of Lot A](#). If you require accommodations, please contact Leslie Reid at ds@sunypoly.edu.

Please plan to arrive at least 30-minutes prior to the start of commencement.

Guests should follow the event parking signs to Lots A1 and the back of lot A and [follow the map](#) to check-in at one of the three registration tables. Security personnel will also inform guests as they pull into the complex where to park before checking in.

For the health and safety of the SUNY Poly community, if you or any member(s) of your family unit are not feeling well, please do not attend the event. A COVID-19 health screening is mandatory for all attendees who must provide contact information. This screening will be conducted at registration, and all attendees will be required to attest that they meet the health screening conditions and do not pose a risk to others on campus. The questions below should be reviewed by everyone registered to attend the event. The graduating student will need to accompany their guests to the registration table to be the contact tracer for the entire group upon arrival.

A professional photographer will be taking photos of each graduate as they cross the stage. The photographer will also take individual photos after graduates exit the stage; this photo area is for students and the photographer only.

Those students receiving a graduate degree will also be able to participate in a concurrently held hooding ceremony led by College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering Interim Dean Dr. André Melendez.

Due to the limited number of attendees that we can have on campus at any one time, graduates and guests will need to depart campus as soon as the commencement ceremony has ended. As a result of the strictly enforced NYSDOH guidelines, we cannot allow families to linger on campus or have access to campus grounds.

Health Screening Information

By attending this commencement event, you, as an attendee or participant are affirming the following:

1. COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- a. Are you experiencing or have you (in the last 48 hours) experienced any [COVID-19 symptoms](#) that cannot be attributed to other known pre-existing medical conditions, such as allergies or migraines, that have been diagnosed by a healthcare practitioner? *In those cases, individuals should only answer "yes" if symptoms are new or worsening.*
 - Fever (100.4F or higher)
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle pain or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of smell or taste
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

2. COVID-19 CONTACTS

- a. Have you knowingly been in close contact (or proximate contact as determined by health authorities), in the last 10 days, with any person confirmed by diagnostic test, or suspected based on symptoms to have COVID-19?

3. COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST

- a. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days?

4. RECENT TRAVEL

- a. If you have traveled to NYS from a country outside the U.S. in the past 10 days, have you met all [travel requirements of CDC and NYSDOH](#)?

Anyone who cannot affirm on the day of the event that they have met the health screening criteria should not come to campus for this event. If they are already present, they should immediately return to their vehicle and leave campus.