ATTENDANCE
If you find you are not able to attend the ceremony, please notify Sherra Moors (sherramoors@pitt.edu; 724-836-7189) as soon as possible so that any necessary adjustments can be made.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DETAILS

- Doors to Chambers Hall will open at 10:00am
- Ceremony will begin at 10:30am and is expected to last until 11:30am
- Post-ceremony toast at 12:30pm during the alumni picnic

Participants and their guests MUST check-in at the Chambers Hall main patio entrance at least 10 minutes before the ceremony starts. Doors to Chambers Hall will not open until the time noted above (10:00am). No tickets will be issued so family members/guests must arrive with their graduate. Each participant and their guests will have assigned seating so there is no need to line up or arrive extra early. Name placards will be on each seating group and volunteers will escort family groups to their seats, with the graduate to sit in the center chair and guests to sit on each side of the graduate. Face coverings will be required at all times.

The ceremony will start promptly at 10:30am, with a small processional of faculty representing the majors being recognized, key staff members, and the President’s Party. The ceremony will begin with the playing of the National Anthem and all guests are to rise (if able). Next will be opening remarks from members of the platform party, followed by the presentation of the graduates and conferring of degrees.

When instructed to do so, the first row of graduates will rise and proceed to the left side of the stage, behind the faculty/staff seating. When the graduate’s name is announced, he/she/they will walk up the steps (or ramp, if necessary), collect their diploma cover, be presented with academic honor cords (if receiving them), and have a professional photo taken with Dr. Gregerson. The graduate will then exit the stage on the opposite side, via the right-hand stairs (or ramp, if necessary), walk along the wall and down their row to their seat. Rows of graduates will be instructed to rise and proceed to the stage as the ceremony continues.

- Legacy Presenters in attendance will move to the stage with their graduate and proceed up the stairs in front of him/her/them, collecting the diploma cover and then presenting it to their graduate before photos are taken. The Legacy and graduate will then exit the stage and return to their seating area.

After all degrees have been conferred, a member of the Platform Party will ask the entire class to stand for the Charge from the President. When Dr. Gregerson delivers the Charge to the Class of 2020, you will move your tassel from the right side of your cap to the left side. Dr. Gregerson will officially declare the ceremony to be over and each row will be dismissed in turn, with everyone exiting out the side doors of the gym.

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING/AFTER THE CEREMONY

- During the ceremony a professional photographer will take photos as each graduate receives his/her diploma.
- Family members/guests are NOT to leave their seating area to take pictures but may stand up at their seat.
- Graduates and their guests may take photos on the campus grounds after the ceremony, while following all safety protocols.

LEGACY PRESENTERS
You MUST RSVP in order to have a legacy present your diploma and Legacy Presenters are to be counted as members of your allotted guests. If you were a late RSVP and have questions about Legacy Presenters, please contact Sherra Moors as soon as possible.
**REGALIA**
All graduates planning to participate in a ceremony are required to wear the cap/tassel and gowns. If you have not yet purchased your regalia please contact the Campus Store (724-836-9928) as soon as possible.

- The tassel should be worn on the **RIGHT** side of the cap and remain on that side throughout the entire ceremony.
- Graduates are approved to decorate their caps in an appropriate manner

**OTHER REGALIA**
Stoles, cords, medallions, and/or pins for approved/eligible Student Athletes and members of recognized honor societies or student organizations are coordinated by advisors or officers of the group. Please contact the group advisor for information.

**HONOR CORDS**
Honors cords for Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude (bronze, silver, gold) will be awarded to graduates **during** the commencement ceremony.

**PITT MERCHANDISE**
The Campus Store will be open on Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2 with times to be posted online once determined.

All planning decisions will continue to be based on the current state of the pandemic with the health and safety of the Pitt Greensburg students, staff, faculty, and alumni, in addition to the general community, in the forefront.

**If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to ask them!**