

**Safety and Security—Health Safety—Guidelines**  
**Honors Convocation 2021**

**1. Arriving to Campus**

- a. **For safety reasons, face masks must be worn at all times. Everyone is asked to Self-Screen before coming to campus ([View Screening Questions Here](#))**—if you aren't feeling well, have any COVID-19 symptoms, or have recently been exposed or diagnosed with COVID-19, we ask that you help protect the health of others and do not come to campus. The Commencement ceremony will be streamed for you to view remotely.
- b. **Entering Campus and Parking** – Thomas will use the two (2) entrances, Sheridan Drive and Vining Drive, to help facilitate the arrival of graduating students and their guests to campus.
- c. **Guests/Families: Each student is allowed two (2) guests to attend Honors Convocation.** Please register your guests here:  
<https://www.thomas.edu/commencement/commencement-guest-registration/>
- d. **Parking** -- Parking for students and guests is available in the following lots:
  - i. North Lot
  - ii. South Lot
  - iii. Lots: A, B, C
  - iv. Resident Lots (resident students only)
- e. **Ceremony**
  - i. Honors Convocation will take place in the Harold Alfond Athletic Center
  - ii. Enter the building via the East Entrance Overhead door (North Parking Lot)
    1. Check in at the Registration table located at the overhead door entrance
    2. Students and their guests will be directed to assigned seating

**2. Travel**

- a. **Domestic** – as of **May 1, 2021**, Maine will open for all visitors arriving from another U.S. state
- b. **International -- International** -- Maine follows CDC Guidelines for anyone entering the state and coming to campus from another country. Please contact the Vice President of Student Affairs Office ([desautelsl@thomas.edu](mailto:desautelsl@thomas.edu)) by **May 10<sup>th</sup>** if you'll be arriving from international travel.

[COVID-19: Travel | Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | Airborne Disease Surveillance Epidemiology Program | MeCDC | Maine DHHS](#)

**3. Health and Safety Guidelines**

- a. Masks are to be worn and social distancing practiced indoors and outdoors

- b. No food/eating is allowed within the tents or fieldhouse
- c. To help with social distancing once you enter the fieldhouse please remain seated
- d. During the ceremony please remain in your seat and do not crowd aisle, doorways, walkways, perimeters, etc.
- e. Only designated photographers and members of Thomas' staff are permitted to be in the area in front or along the sides of the stage— There will be professional photographers for the event, as well as opportunities after the ceremony for taking pictures on the quad.

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