We know you have a lot of questions about graduation. Schools all over the state are trying to make plans for ceremonies while guidance is still evolving. Please see the following county guidance, as it currently stands. Guidelines are subject to change in the weeks and months to come.

**ATTENDANCE**
- Currently limited to 10 people per ceremony.
- Ceremonies should be limited to students and staff.
- Ceremony plans can include a virtual option for family members.

**OUTDOORS**
- Ceremonies must take place outdoors.
- If outside facilities cannot accommodate the 6 feet distancing, graduation ceremonies would need to be done in the number of shifts that would allow for distancing.

**SAFETY FIRST**
- All participants should be screened for fever and symptoms.
- Those who are sick must stay home.
- Vulnerable individuals must stay home.
- Have an inclusive plan for those who cannot or wish not to come.

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING**
- All students and staff must maintain 6 feet physical distancing at all times including entering and exiting the ceremony.

**MASKS**
- All students and staff must be in masks at all times with the exception of individual photographs by an official photographer while physical distancing from others.

**NO TOUCHING**
- Sharing or exchanging materials of any kind poses an increased risk for transmission/spread of COVID-19 and must not occur (throwing graduation caps, "sign-in" practices, gifts, flowers).
- Develop a system for no touch or contact receipt of the diploma, such as presentation on a table by staff to be picked up by the student.

**MYTH V. FACT**

**Myth:** Mesa County has a waiver from state or CDE requirements.

**Fact:** Mesa County's plan, approved by the state, has some variances for gyms, churches, and restaurants. The above guidelines comply with current state orders.

**Myth:** Guidance, timelines, protocols and procedures are set in stone.

**Fact:** Look for an announcement June 22. Please be patient as this situation evolves.

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