

A Message from University of Kentucky
PRESIDENT ELI CAPILOUTO

*Last week President Capilouto shared two announcements that signal important returns to the norms and traditions of our campus. Excerpts from both are below and the full messages can be found at :
<https://www.uky.edu/president/communications-and-commentary/campus-messages>*

In-Person UK Commencement Ceremonies Spring 2021



Commencement is a time-honored tradition, an opportunity to celebrate what matters most: the success of our students and those who helped them achieve what's possible. It is a time when we celebrate the stories of our people— stories interwoven with a common thread of uncommon resolve and compassion.

For the past year, to protect the health and safety of our community, we celebrated while physically distanced. We donned caps and gowns in front of cameras and screens to recognize the May, August and December classes of 2020. We are excited to announce that, for May 2021, **we plan to hold UK's Commencement Ceremonies in person, at Rupp Arena, over the weekend of Friday May 14- Sunday, May 16.**

Fall 2021 Return to Normal Operations

For the past year, I've had the honor to witness our community meet this moment in profound ways.

Our heroes on the frontlines of this pandemic worked countless hours, devoting time otherwise dedicated to loved ones to combat this unforgiving disease. Our faculty and staff adjusted in admirable ways to continue fulfilling our sacred missions of education, research, service and care. Our students found new ways to learn and engage, discover and grow in an environment so different from what they anticipated when they imagined their time in college.

Because of your efforts – your commitment to this place and its compelling purpose—I'm excited to share with you some initial planning assumptions regarding a return to normal operations in the fall of 2021.

Throughout this process, we will lean on our START team, leveraging our world-class experts to ensure a safe transition and implementation of our plans to return to campus operations. They will help us create specific measures and guideposts to monitor our progress as we begin to look to this fall.



WEAR A MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS



PHYSICAL DISTANCE



DAILY SCREENING



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