



April 21, 2021

Dear Students:

Congratulations on your accomplishment! The "big day" you have worked so hard for is almost here – Lamar Community College's 82nd Annual Commencement is scheduled for **Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Lamar Community College Wellness Center Parking Lot.**

More information and specific instructions about commencement are below; please read the following carefully. All graduation updates will be available on the graduation page of the website <https://lamarcc.edu/graduation/>

How do I pick up my cap & gown?

They will be available in Student Services on/after **Tuesday, May 4th**. If you didn't order a cap and gown, we will have extras on a first-come first-serve basis. Please contact Berna Griego at (719) 336-1589.

Can my family and friends come?

Yes! We will be outside and socially-distanced and strongly recommend all attendees wear a mask to keep everyone safe. While we won't have our normal reception following the ceremony, we will have "grab and go" cookies to enjoy as you and your family and friends leave the college. The event will be livestreamed (with link posted on graduation web page), so your family and friends can safely watch you graduate.

People should stay home and attend virtually if they:

- Are sick, especially with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are currently in quarantine.
- Have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently in the isolation period.
- People at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should weigh the risks and benefits of activities they are considering.

Where should we park?

On-campus parking will be limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis so we ask you and your family and friends consider car-pooling. Overflow public parking will be available across the street near the baseball and softball fields. We will post a map showing available parking lots and open and closed driveways on the LCC graduation web page so you can plan accordingly.

Do we have a rehearsal?

Yes! **Friday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m.** This will be a virtual rehearsal. Please monitor your student email for link and details. **(over please)**



When and where do we meet to line up for commencement?

Meet in the upper atrium of the Wellness Center on the morning of **Saturday, May 8th at 9:15 a.m.** for the final line-up prior to Commencement. Please be in your graduation attire and on time.

May my family take photos?

Yes! Family members may take photos from their seats. LCC has engaged a photographer to take graduate photos, which will be available at no charge. Photos will be available for download near the end of May. If you or your family post photos on social media, please use the hashtag, **#LCCGrad2021**, so we can all celebrate your graduation!

If I go through the ceremony, does it mean I have actually graduated?

Not necessarily. Degree/certificate completion will be confirmed once all spring semester grades are received and a final degree audit is completed. If you need to complete a course or two in the summer, your degree audit will be completed after summer session grades are submitted.

When will transcripts showing I have graduated be available?

Transcripts that show "degree awarded" will be available once all grades are processed, all financial obligations are met, and a final degree audit is completed. This process takes approximately eight to ten weeks.

When will I receive a diploma/certificate?

Your diploma/certificate will be ordered and shipped to you around ten weeks after Commencement, depending on the timing of the process above. Please make sure a current mailing address is on file with the Student Services Center for prompt delivery.

Call Student Services at 719.336.1590 or stop by the Student Services Center if you have questions about commencement.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hughes, M.S.
Director of Admissions and Records

(Notice: Due to the ever-changing situation of the COVID pandemic. All events are subject to change without notice. Changes will be posted to <https://lamarcc.edu/graduation/>)