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Graduation Plans Finalized

Altoona High School and District officials worked together with the Eau Claire County Health Department to develop a plan to hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, July 10 at OakLeaf Stadium (rain date: Saturday, July 11). The plan unveiled in June, has been updated to reflect current guidelines.

The Class of 2020 will 'walk the stage' in two shifts, at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm,*in order to comply with the current COVID-19 safety guidelines.

"Walking the stage is a special part of graduation, and while we understand that having guest limits is far from ideal, we choose to focus on making the day as special as possible for the students. As Teddy Roosevelt said, 'Do what you can, with what you have, where you are,' and that's what we're happy to do at this time." Altoona High School principal, Jim Reif

Superintendent Dr. Heidi Eliopoulos said, "I am so proud of the work and diligence of our administrators, staff, and families creating this opportunity for our seniors while taking all needed steps to ensure the highest levels of health and safety. This was no small feat, but the work was done with diligence and true student-centeredness."

The public is invited to join the ceremonies via livestream at <http://bit.ly/RailsTV>

*Should the July 11 rain date be needed, the ceremonies will be held at 8:30 am and 10:00 am.



Safety Guidelines:

Each shift will include no more than 250 attendees

Attendees will maintain a social distance of at least six feet between households

Masks will be required if the minimum six feet distance is not possible when entering and leaving the stadium

Attendees will be subject to temperature checks upon arrival

Each student will be limited to four guests

Guests will present their ticket complete with contact information upon arrival

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