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Dear YSN Class of 2021,

Just a few days to go before we celebrate your accomplishments! We just wanted to send one last commencement communication before the ceremony. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

What to expect the day of the ceremony

Arrival and Check In

All graduates must complete the [Daily Health Check](#) before coming to campus. You cannot attend the ceremony if you are feeling ill, and you cannot attend if you are in contact quarantine or isolation or mandated travel quarantine.

Please arrive between 9:00 am – 9:30 am using the Marsh Hill Road entrance. YSN Staff and Yale Security will be on hand to direct you to the registration check in area. This is also the area where you can be dropped off if arriving by Uber or family member. Family and friends cannot park at West Campus during the ceremony.

At check in, you will be given a lanyard with your name and designated seating area. Staff will be on hand to direct you to your assigned seat. Students are seated by specialty in alphabetical order.

Photography

We understand that you will want to take some photos with your classmates. Please remember to follow guidelines by social distancing and keeping your mask on. All students and faculty should be in their designated seats no later than 9:50 am. We will also have a university photographer at the ceremony.

The Ceremony

The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 am. It will be both live-streamed and recorded. We will provide the link on Thursday. You can find the link on the YSN [website](#) as well as the [Yale 2021 website](#).

Dean Kurth will welcome the graduating class and faculty. This will be followed by the pre-recorded address by our commencement speaker, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood.

Maya Salvio will be giving the student address. At the end of the address, Maya will ask folks to “throw up their caps...”. This is the moment to release the silly string, confetti, and noise makers, should you wish. However, keep in mind that no bubbles, whistles, or anything requiring you to remove your mask will be permitted.

Once you have released the silly string, confetti, etc., we ask that you sit back down so we may continue with the program of announcing awards and degrees.

Your specialty director will announce your name, and at that time, we ask that you stand and hold up your diploma folder so we can acknowledge you, and family and friends who are watching the livestream or recording may also cheer with us. Names of all graduates in each specialty program will be read, in alphabetical order, including those not in attendance.

Dismissal

At the end of the ceremony, we ask that you stay seated. Saveena Dhall will dismiss attendees by specialty section. Please be sure to observe distance and stay masked as you exit the tent and make your way to your car to leave campus.

If you were dropped off, please have your pick-up ride arrive no earlier than 11:15 am. They should enter the Marsh Hill Road entrance, and the security officer will direct the car to the designated pick-up area.

FINAL VACCINATION AND TESTING REMINDERS:

- If you were vaccinated through Yale, your proof of vaccination will be documented in our internal records. **Individuals who were fully vaccinated outside of Yale University must submit documentation via this [link](#).**
- Fully vaccinated students traveling from out of state will be able to provide their own negative PCR (not rapid) test result at least two days prior to the ceremony. **You must upload the test results [here](#) by today, May 19.**

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