



Yale Law School

Office of Student Affairs



Class of 2021,

This is the second of a series of emails regarding Commencement. We will provide updates from week to week to ensure you are prepared and informed.

- **Commencement Day:** Ceremony will be held **May 24, 2021** in an outdoor event that is limited to **YLS graduates only**, timing TBD.
- **Regalia:**
 - Order [your regalia](#) by **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**.
 - To order the conventional Yale Law School regalia, select "Group 3" in the order form.
 - If you are in New Haven, you can "Ship to Yale" at no additional cost, otherwise you can ship to your home for an additional fee.

- ***If you ship to your personal home, Yale has indicated that shipments are estimated to arrive between May 17-20.*** Please take this into consideration if you will be traveling to New Haven for the ceremony.
- If you have any questions or concerns with your orders, please contact asa@yale.edu, the Associated Student Agencies.
- ***If you are a remote/not in residence graduating student*** and will return to New Haven from outside Connecticut to participate in the ceremony, we encourage you to order your regalia **before the April 13 deadline** and "Ship to Yale". If for some reason you are not able to meet university travel requirements for participation, your regalia can be shipped to you for photos or a refund can be requested.
- **Your Name on Your Diploma:** You must verify your diploma name through SIS **no later than April 15, 2021.** .
 - Your first and last names must be your legal names. If you also want to include your middle name(s), you may ask that the name(s) be fully spelled out or listed as initials.
 - Note: University policy is that only names will be put on diplomas; no honorifics (Dr., etc.) or other degrees (M.B.A., M.D., etc.) will be included, so do not add such to your diploma name.
- Please review the updated [Travel and Return to Campus Policy](#) Additional guidance may be updated as health conditions evolve and we are including testing requirements below.
- **Commencement Testing Requirements for Students as of 04/09/2021:**
 - Applies to all students—undergraduate and graduate/professional
 - Compliance for remote students will be developed based on registration
 - Students not meeting testing requirements (whether in residence or remote) will not be allowed to participate in ceremonies.
 - G&P schools will need to communicate dates and expectations to their students based on their individual ceremony dates.
 - Arrive 5/14 if unvaccinated—2 tests
 - Arrive/test 5/19 if vaccinated
 - Testing must be performed at Yale
 - Allow for 36h for test results to be available
 - The **ONLY** change related to vaccination: quarantine not required for remote students traveling from out of state. **Testing still required.**
 - Vaccinated students must be fully vaccinated* and 2 weeks from 2nd dose (if Pfizer or Moderna) or 1st dose (J&J)

	In residence (LM1,LM2,LM3)	Remote local (LM4,LM8)	Remote out of state/int'l (LM5,LM6,LM8)
Unvaccinated	Maintain testing requirements until commencement; --those G&P who do not have a testing requirement must test negative during 7 days prior to scheduled ceremony	MUST REGISTER Must have 1 negative Yale test during the week prior to commencement	MUST REGISTER Quarantine x6d + 2 tests per Yale travel policy (test #2 no later 72h prior to ceremony to ensure results available) --Test/quarantine applies whether housed on or off campus
Fully Vaccinated	Maintain testing requirements until commencement; --those G&P who do not have a testing requirement must test negative during 7 days prior to scheduled ceremony	MUST REGISTER Must have 1 negative Yale test during week prior to commencement	MUST REGISTER One negative Yale test (obtained no later than 72h prior to ceremony date to ensure available results), no quarantine --Testing applies whether housed on or off campus

***To qualify as vaccinated:**

Last day to receive J&J: May 10

- 2 weeks prior to scheduled ceremony for G&P

Last date to START Pfizer series (assuming 3 weeks between doses): April 19

- 5 weeks prior to scheduled ceremony for G&P

Last date to START Moderna series (assuming 4 weeks between doses): April 12

- 6 weeks prior to scheduled ceremony for G&P
- **Visitors:** Family and friends can watch the ceremony via high-quality livestream and should not come to campus as there will be no opportunity to view any Commencement-related activity.
 - A recording of the Commencement ceremony will be available on the YLS website for people who wish to view at a different time.
- **Hotel:** YLS has reserved a room block at the Graduate Hotel for our remote students with special discounted rates. [Click here to book your room.](#)

Please refer to [Yale University's Commencement site](#) for additional information. The Law School will also post on [our commencement website](#) as more details are announced.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at osa@yale.edu.

Yours,

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