



Yale Law School

Office of Student Affairs



Class of 2021,

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

This week's updates:

- **Registration:**
 - **New:** All graduates who plan to participate in the Law School ceremony must register [here](#) by Friday, May 7.
- **Hotel:**

- Due by May 1: YLS has reserved a room block at the Graduate Hotel for our remote students with special discounted rates. Please note rooms are limited and available first-come, first-serve. [Click here to book your room.](#)
- **What can I expect during commencement?**
 - Ceremonies are restricted to graduating students, limited school leaders and faculty.
 - Visitors are not permitted even if they are fully vaccinated. Visitors will not be able to attend the ceremony or access any of the Yale University and YLS facilities, including SLB and Baker Hall.
 - In order to enter SLB and Courtyard, graduates must have their Yale ID.
 - Graduating students will be checked at the door to confirm they have met the COVID-19 requirements.
 - Graduating students will process in and out of the Courtyard (from SLB) and will walk across the stage when their names are called. Otherwise, they will be seated on chairs six feet apart.
 - The online streaming platform will integrate with Zoom to highlight remote students when their names are called during the ceremony.
 - The traditional Dean's remarks will be live. Other remarks will be broadcast via video.
 - The ceremony will be streamed live for guests via a publicly available link. A recording of the ceremony will also be made available on our website a few days after the ceremony. Closed captioning will be made available in English.
 - Per University COVID-19 policy, food and beverage will not be allowed before, during, or after the ceremony.
- **Photos:**
 - We would like to include photos of your time at Yale Law School in the prerecorded content shown during Commencement Day. Please submit your photos [to this Box folder](#) by April 29.
 - Professional photographers will take photos of students as they cross the stage and other photographers will be on site to provide candid shots of students that will be made available to the community.
 - Other photo opportunities will be made available (SnapChat Geo filters, Zoom backgrounds, et cetera).
- **Facilities:**
 - **Bikes:** Please move bikes from the main courtyard by noon on **May 14** to the upper courtyard located by entries J, K and L.
 - **Lockers:** Student lockers must be emptied by **noon on May 27**. After that time, all remaining locks will be cut and the contents discarded.
 - **Keys:** Student organizations and faculty office keys must be returned **by May 27**. Please place the keys in one of the envelopes located in a pouch underneath mailbox 13 in the mailroom and insert in the slot. Keys can also be returned to the Building Services (SLB

130) Monday- Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Any key not returned will result in a \$25 fee added to your bursar account.

- **Key Tags:** All key tags in your possession also need to be returned **by May 27**. They too can be placed in the return key envelope.
- **Baker Hall Residents:** All Baker Hall Suite Keys must be returned **by May 30**. On the basement level next to the laundry room, you will find envelopes and a key drop box. Fill out the information label and deposit into the slot. Any key not returned will result in a \$25 fee added to your housing account.

Which testing requirements pertain to you?

- **Testing:**
 - The earliest day a student can test for it to count towards commencement is May 17 and the last day a student can test for it to count is May 22.
 - We are waiting on University guidance about extra appointments being made available to students who will want to test the weekend of May 22.

Once you know which learning location you are, see the chart below for guidance.

- **In residence (LM1, LM3):** Baker Hall residents and students attending in-person or hybrid.
- **Remote Local (LM4):** Students living in Connecticut but attending classes remotely.
- **Remote out of state/international (LM5, LM6):** Students not living in Connecticut and attending classes remotely.

Travel & Testing Guide By Learning Location

	In residence (LM1, LM3)	Remote local (LM4)	Remote out of state/int'l (LM5, LM6)
Unvaccinated	Quarantine: No Testing: Must test negative once during 7 days prior to scheduled ceremony	Quarantine: No Testing: Test once at Yale between 5/17 & 5/22	Arrive by: 5/14 Quarantine: In New Haven for 6 days Testing: Test twice at Yale Take second test by 5/22
Fully Vaccinated	Quarantine: No Testing: Must test negative once during 7 days prior to scheduled ceremony	Quarantine: No Testing: Test once at Yale between 5/17 & 5/22	Quarantine: No Testing: Test once at Yale between 5/17 & 5/22

Previous updates:

To review the updates we have provided in our previous messages, please go to the [Info for Graduates page](#) on our website.

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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