Graduation Guidance for Schools and School Districts  
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As we close out the school year, we understand the strong desire to recognize your graduating students for their accomplishments. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has provided guidance stating that in-person graduation is still not allowed at this time. Drive-in or drive-thru only services are permissible as long as all public health precautions and social distancing is maintained. These functions are permissible with the following requirements:

- A minimum of 6 feet between vehicles
- Each vehicle contains only members of the same household
- Attendees are required to stay in their vehicles for the entire program. Schools may set up a station where each graduating student may exit their vehicle to pick-up their diploma and pose for photographs. Only one student may exit a vehicle at a time and social distancing must be maintained at all times
- Public restrooms are not available, and not to be utilized
- Robust plans to prevent in-person congregating of students, staff, and family members before and after the drive-in event(s). This may include appointment windows to stagger student arrivals, restricting attendees to one vehicle per family, and having security or police onsite.

Additionally, students may need to access the campus to return materials or clean out lockers. If drive-up services are not facilitated under the same criteria listed above, these actions must comply with the requirements outlined for all gatherings:

- Not to exceed 10 persons at a time
- Abide by social distancing, to the greatest extent possible
- All persons are required to wear facial coverings, when social distancing is not possible
- Frequent disinfecting of high-use services (for example - door knobs, light switches, etc.)

Thank you for your collaboration and due diligence in these extraordinary times.

Sincerely,

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