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Dear Families of Class of 2020

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your family for reaching a momentous milestone in your life. Graduating from high school is an important accomplishment in one's life. We are pleased to announce that the Santa Maria Board of Trustees, administrators, and teachers are preparing for your graduation ceremony to take place on June 6th. To comply with health and safety standards each senior will be awarded two tickets for guests to celebrate your academic achievement. In accordance with Governor Greg Abbott's executive order, the district is following recommended health protocols and social distancing guidelines for everyone's safety. However, should Covid 19 cases increase in our area that require us to revert to more strict measures, we would have to reevaluate the possibility of delaying the ceremony.

We are very excited to watch you walk across the stage to receive your high school diploma. The district knows you are ready for the world. Our teachers and staff have helped prepare you throughout your school journey to meet all the challenges you will face. Additionally, you have represented Santa Maria ISD with pride and honor at the district, regional, and state level in athletics and academics. Many of you have also earned college hours and certificates. We would like to applaud the parents and students who worked hard this school year towards becoming college, career and, military ready.

Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order No. GA-12 and local health protocols, please adhere to the following restrictions:

Graduates

- Graduates will be required to wear a mask at all times during the ceremony. District will provide masks to all graduates.
- Graduates will be required to be 6 feet apart from each other throughout the ceremony.
- Each graduate will be given two tickets for family members to attend.
- Prior to attending the graduation ceremony, graduates will be screened (via questioning) by District employees for the following symptoms:
 - * Cough
 - * Feeling feverish or measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees
 - * Chills
 - * Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - * Repeated shaking with chills
 - * Muscle pain
 - * Headache
 - * Diarrhea
 - * Sore throat
 - * Loss of taste or smell
 - * Contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID 19 within the last 14 days

Those found with any of these symptoms will be excluded from the ceremony.