Dear School Leaders,

Today, the Arizona Department of Health Services released guidance regarding Graduation Ceremonies. That guidance can be viewed by clicking [here](#). We know many of you are already actively planning and discussing what graduation ceremonies will look like in the weeks or months ahead.

At this time, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) recommends that mass gatherings (such as graduations, concerts) are not held.

- Consider whether gatherings may need to have limited attendance, be held virtually, or suspended if physical distancing is difficult to maintain.
- All Arizonans should use their best judgment in suspending public activities that can be delayed. Suspending these activities can protect individuals and the public and preserve vital healthcare resources.

If canceling, postponing, or holding the event virtually is not an option, ADHS recommends the additional steps be taken by mass gathering coordinators. For more information, please see ADHS’ [Guidance for Graduations](#).

We encourage you to consider the attached recommendations and to share them with your students and families as you make decisions that meet the needs of your local school communities. Additional public health related information and resources can be found at ADHS’ [website](#).

Thank you,

Arizona Department of Education