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COVID-19 Student Update

Graduation

Merced College Students,

As we near the end of the semester, we realize that many of you may have additional questions regarding commencement. Below is a short FAQ to help address the most common questions that have been asked in regard to COVID-19's impact on graduation ceremonies.

Will there be a ceremony?

Based on recent guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Merced County Public Health, Merced College made the difficult decision to indefinitely postpone the May 2020 graduation ceremony. Students meeting graduation requirements will still graduate from Merced College without the graduation ceremony

Merced College students graduating in spring 2020, will have the opportunity to participate in the spring 2021 graduation ceremony.

Merced College will be providing all graduates with a "Grad Pack" in recognition of their achievement. Along with the grad pack, Merced College will have the names and degrees of all graduates printed in *The Merced County Times*, as well as providing students with special "frames" for social media and zoom backgrounds. For further details, please visit <http://www.mccd.edu/news/graduation/>

We are proud to soon welcome you to our alumni family and encourage you to stay connected at <http://www.mccd.edu/alumni/index.html>

Can I purchase a cap and gown?

Students interested in purchasing a cap and gown can contact the Merced College Bookstore at: <https://www.bkstr.com/mercedcollegestore>

How will I receive my diploma?

Awards and certificates will be mailed by July 15, 2020 to the address indicated on your graduation application.

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