

Information for graduates and their relatives

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Hello!

Soon it will be time to celebrate graduation!

We are so happy that you have completed your upper-secondary education. At the same time, we're aware that your upper-secondary school experience during this past year's pandemic has not turned out as you (or we) had imagined. Nonetheless, we hope you feel ready to take the next step in life.

Graduation is an important starting point for you, a milestone in life. At our upper-secondary schools, graduation will also be celebrated differently this year, as well. Still, our goal is to give students a great conclusion to their upper-secondary education despite the current circumstances. Norrköping's upper-secondary school graduation celebrations will be conducted in accordance with the Public Health Agency of Sweden's current recommendations for reducing the spread of Covid-19.

The information below describes what applies to graduations in Norrköping and what graduating students or their relatives should keep in mind so that we can all enjoy a successful and infection-safe student celebration. You will also receive more detailed information from your school.

Thank you for taking responsibility and doing your part to reduce the spread of infection.

Everyone has a responsibility to continue to contribute to reducing the spread of Covid-19, and it is therefore important that you follow all general advice and restrictions on this occasion as well.

Everyone participating in the graduation ceremonies **must be healthy**. Those who are not must take personal responsibility and skip the festivities if they are experiencing symptoms such as a cough, sore throat, runny nose, fever, or headaches. We are aware that as an upper-secondary school student, you have already assumed personal responsibility in this regard during periods of distance learning and in social settings. We encourage you and your relatives to celebrate graduation responsibly and contribute to minimising the risk of the spread of infection.

The capping ceremony

The capping ceremony is an important part of graduation week and will be carried out outdoors, on a class-by-class basis, on 4 June. No relatives will be able to participate on this occasion. Your school will inform you of the details surrounding the capping ceremony at your school.

Running out of the school – only 2 relatives may attend the event

On the schools' websites you will find information about which days and times each class runs out.

Graduates will run out of their schools in an infection-safe manner and in a way that ensures that they can keep a distance from each other. All headmasters will conduct an assessment of risks, for the purpose of ensuring that the running out event can be held safely. This means that:

- Students will run out of their school on a class-by-class basis. For some schools, the running-out event will take place over two days – Thursday, 10 June and Friday, 11 June.
- Only two relatives per student may be present outside the school during the running-out event. Relatives must remain outdoors.
- Students must leave the school grounds immediately after running out, either with their relatives or on their own, so that the school can prepare for the next class to run out.
- Students or relatives who are not fully healthy or who have symptoms of Covid-19 must stay at home so as not to risk infecting others.
- Be sure to maintain social distancing when physically present.

Live streams of the running-out events

In addition to the two relatives who may be present outside the school at the time of the running-out event, we will enable other family and relatives who are not present to still participate in this part of the graduation celebration. We will therefore livestream the majority of all classes' running-out events so that relatives can participate digitally.

The running-out event will be livestreamed at the following schools: De Geergymnasiet, Ebersteinska gymnasiet, Hagagymnasiet, Norrköpings Lärlingsgymnasium and Kungsgårdsgymnasiet.

Bråvallagymnasiet's running-out event will not be livestreamed. This is because Bråvallagymnasiet is having its classes run out from different exits at the school and several classes will run out at the same time. It is therefore not logistically feasible to livestream the event.

The livestreams of the running-out events will not be saved. This means that it is not possible to access the video afterwards. The link to each livestream will be sent out to the students prior to graduation day.

Senior Prom

It is not possible to hold the Senior Prom while taking into account the recommendations of the Public Health Agency of Sweden. Therefore, this event is cancelled.

Student cortèges

According to the Public Health Agency of Sweden, flatbed trucks with students in a cortège are not allowed this year. Therefore, the student cortège in Norrköping has been cancelled. If a flatbed has been booked, we recommend that it be cancelled as soon as possible. Several companies that want to hire out flatbed trucks have made public announcements with information arguing that cortèges can be conducted. This is not actually true.

[Information from the Swedish Transport Agency - Graduation flatbed trucks and carnival parades](#)

Parties and other activities

According to the current guidelines of the Public Health Agency of Sweden, **a maximum of eight people** are permitted at private gatherings. New national recommendations may be come into effect from 1 June, so it is crucial that you take personal responsibility for keeping yourself up-to-date.

Based on the current recommendations, it is important to continue to avoid larger student parties and inter-class gatherings. Now is not the time to gather for big parties. Instead, meet in smaller groups and find alternative ways to celebrate. Whenever possible, do so outdoors. It is not permitted to rent out premises for private gatherings with more than eight participants.

On norrkoping.se you can read more about the current advice.

[Current advice and recommendations - Norrköping](#)

Partying on buses

Renting a vehicle such as a bus for a party on the bus counts as a private gathering and is thus subject to the same regulations as when renting, e.g., a venue for private parties. It is the person who rents out the premises (for example, the bus) who is responsible for ensuring that it is not used for a private gathering with more than eight participants. If you have booked a bus for a student party, we recommend that you cancel your reservation.

[The Public Health Agency of Sweden's information about partying on buses](#)

Graduation walks – safe adults in the city during graduation week

For six nights between 18:00-01:00 Student Health and the Church of Sweden will walk around the town. You can reach them at 011-24 60 00 and by text message at 0702-96 26 67. The contact person is Maria Bard at Diakonicentrum DC, maria.bard@svenskakyrkan.se

What does a recommendation mean?

The Public Health Agency of Sweden has developed Recommendations for how this year's student graduation celebrations should be conducted, based on the prevailing situation with the pandemic. A Recommendation from a public authority in Sweden is not a law. The public authorities do not pass legislation. So a Recommendation is the strongest thing a public authority can say. And that means we are going to do what the public authority says. Among these Recommendations are:

- School classes on flatbed trucks or anything similar should not occur
- Large joint ceremonies, gatherings of people, or parades for all graduating students or the entire school as a whole may not be organised.

[The Public Health Agency of Sweden's information about this year's upper-secondary school graduation celebrations](#)

Maintain social distancing and wash your hands

Remember to maintain social distancing distance from others. Thoroughly wash your hands regularly. We are in this together, so working together we will be able to slow down the spread of infection.

We will provide updates with information about this year's upper-secondary school graduation celebrations on norrkoping.se/studenten.

Questions and contact

If you have questions about the graduation celebration, contact your mentor. You can also contact the Contact Centre at 011-15 00 00 or by e-mail, norrkoping.kommun@norrkoping.se

Thank you for your excellent work over the course of the year and congratulations on having completed your upper-secondary education. We truly hope that you will have an excellent conclusion to your upper-secondary school studies, despite the prevailing circumstances.

With kind regards,

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