

Congratulations, Students, Families and Guests!

We know Commencement is an exciting and busy day for everyone. Please review the information below to help make this special day as seamless as possible!

Bags & Bag Check

Bags are allowed inside the Pavilion, but we recommend bringing as little as possible. The fewer items you bring, the quicker you can enter the Pavilion and pick the perfect seat to see your graduate. Guests, staff, and graduates without bags may enter through our express lines. If you have a small bag, you must use one of our bag check lines.

Balloons

Due to the Pavilion's proximity to Logan Airport and waterfront location, balloons are not allowed inside the Pavilion.

Drones

Drones are not permitted at the Pavilion. Due to security rules inside the Pavilion and federal law governing the use of drones within close proximity to airports, drones are not permitted inside or in the surrounding area around the Pavilion.

Concessions

Inside the Pavilion, you may purchase concessions, including water, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and a variety of snacks.

Flowers

Forget to bring flowers for your graduate? Visit the flower vendor conveniently located at the front entrance for any last-minute purchases.

Handicap Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Guests with disabilities may be dropped off and picked up in front of the Pavilion. The Pavilion's staff will be happy to assist you as you wait for the remainder of your party. Wheelchairs will be provided to help people get to and from their seats if they need assistance.

Outside Food and Beverages

You may bring either one factory-sealed water bottle (i.e., an unopened Poland Springs or Dasani plastic water bottle), or an empty (non-glass) water bottle to fill at a water fountain. You may bring snacks in a one-gallon zip lock bag. All other outside food and beverages—including coffee, soda, sports drinks—are not permitted inside the Pavilion. Please enjoy these items before approaching the bag check line. For more options, be sure to check out our list of nearby restaurants.

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited from the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion: weapons of any kind; alcohol, illegal drugs, or illegal substances; glass containers and cans; large bags or oversized backpacks; laser pointers; selfie sticks; balloons; drones; animals (except qualified service animals); fireworks; and food and drink.

Public Transportation

The Blue Hills Bank Pavilion is accessible via the Silver Line. Take either SL1 (access to and from Logan Airport) or SL2. Both routes stop at South Station so you can access the Red Line and commuter rail lines.

Security

Along with bag check, we may conduct wand and/or pat-down procedures. Be prepared by removing all items from your pockets ahead of time.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited inside the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, per the Boston Public Health Commission. Please take this into consideration before entering the Pavilion, as we may not allow re-admission.

Weather

Weather can be unpredictable, especially on Boston's waterfront. We recommend you check the weather beforehand and dress appropriately. In case of rain, you may use umbrellas when getting to the front gates from your car. Please do not open umbrellas inside the Pavilion or at the bag check area for the safety of your fellow guests and employees. We recommend rain jackets and ponchos instead. It can also be quite chilly and windy inside the Pavilion; small blankets are allowed, but be sure to layer up. In case it's hot and humid, bring a factory-sealed water bottle to stay hydrated.

Wheelchairs

If you need assistance getting from the gates to your seat, please go to Guest Services upon entering. The venue's staff will be happy to assist you.