

Please list any creative solutions your institution has implemented to make Match Day a success everyone can share in. If you feel comfortable doing so, please list your institution next to your comment (not required).

UT Health SA: Using Hashtag to

My school has a 50 person limit for gatherings, so it has been proposed that we split match day up into several rooms running at the same time. It's not perfect but at least family can come and friends will be close by.

With more than one campus, there is the option of student only MD at each campus and possibly live-streamed or internal video conferencing to other campuses.

School would email out results to each student at 11 am Friday. Those who want, assemble with family and friends in a local park to find results on their phones, or at an alternate location of your choice.

Anyone's school give them issues/trouble about organizing a separate, independent event for students/families?

My school is doing a virtual celebration. A slideshow for the students will be sent out at 11:45am Friday followed by Match day letters via email at 12pm. The school is asking each student to share photos of their reactions that the school will then post.

My school has moved the ceremony outside. It is also considering limiting attendance to students and spouses only.

Univ at Buffalo: "We have made the difficult but necessary decision to restrict attendance at match day to students only. The health and safety of our community, along with your families and loved ones is our top priority. We made this decision out of concern for the well-being of all who were scheduled to travel and attend this event." Students had a lot of questions which were discussed through Facebook and class rep reached out to the administration. The administration will email the class at noon on Friday letting students know their match results (all students are notified at 1 pm nationwide). So now students may not even want to attend the Statler school held event. Class rep sent out a poll to gauge which students still plan to attend to see if the event should still be on. Class rep will then let the administration know who will attend and they can take that into consideration for whether or not they want to still hold the event. Whether graduation and pre-match retreat will still take place is TBD.

Cancelled match day (U of HI)

My school will be sending digital envelopes (essentially emails) to each individual with their match results. No livestream event has been indicated as of yet. Students are encouraged to gather minimally in line with current recommendations from the local city and county.

Our school is allowing us to pick up a keepsake at 9AM (spread out over an outside area) with our match envelopes inside and decorations for our homes. Also at 9AM, faculty have pre-recorded a video for us to view before we open the keepsake wherever we would like. The openings will be recorded with a link sent out for students to upload it, with everyone granted access to watching the videos. At 10:30AM, students who wish to participate can join a Zoom conversation where we will alphabetically tell each other where we matched. This will be recorded and sent out to the student body afterwards. FYI - at University of Arizona Match Day is a big celebration so although this may seem a little excessive it's nowhere near the usual festivities