

Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life

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Housed Chapter Presidents & Advisors,

I've included a lot of what I hope is useful information in this message, I urge you to read it in its entirety. I'm hoping it can help answer the questions that the CFSL is fielding. I know each of you are working to identify your own facility's plans for spring term and considering how to provide a safe living environment for your residents. I know you are also working through your own decisions on housing contracts, dues collection, employment of staff, etc. If you'd like to connect and talk further about these challenging decisions, I'm happy to consult. Feel free to reach out via email or phone (402-770-5235).

UHDS Resources: I'm forwarding along a message that University Housing & Dining Services shared with their residents, please see below. I also want to direct you to the [UHDS website and FAQs](#) – there is a lot of useful information on this page.

[Please take a moment to complete this quick survey.](#) Only one person from your chapter (president, advisor, house director, or house corporation board) needs to complete the survey. The information gathered will be used by the CFSL to provide further guidance to the community and to be aware of which facilities are closed/open. If any information is shared from the survey, it will only be done so with any identifying factors removed.

Shared Google Doc: I will share a Google doc with house corporation board presidents via email so that they may share information with one another in a quick and easy way. I will only be sharing this with the house corporation board president at this time. If you'd like to communicate in other ways, you are welcome to do so and I've attached the contact lists for folks here. I just ask that you keep me in the loop as community discussions take place!

Open/Closed: It is up to your team to decide if your facility will stay open for spring term or choose to close. The CFSL supports you in making the decision that's best for your members and facility. On campus housing is remaining open and students are welcome to remain on campus.

- If you stay open and won't provide meals for members, on-campus dining centers will still be open and members can sign up for dining plans or load 'Orange bucks' on their ID cards.
- If you choose to close, members needing a place to live do have the opportunity to sign a one-term contract with UHDS for spring term and move on campus.

Housing Fees, Dues & Contracts: The decision to charge (or not charge) housing fees to members and live-ins is also a chapter decision, as is whether you choose to uphold housing contracts. Many inter/national organizations are encouraging local chapters to continue to collect dues for spring term.

Social distancing in chapter houses:

- Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued an [Executive Order related to higher education.](#) From her website: 'The executive order also limits on-campus operations to critical functions, such as dining services and dormitories — all of which are directed to employ social distancing — as a way to ensure students have a safe place to live and eat, since some may not otherwise have housing options.'

- Informed by Gov. Brown’s directive and effective March 17, OSU established a prohibition on university-sponsored or sanctioned events of more than 25 people. However, social distancing should be a considered a shared responsibility. We continue to encourage our students and staff to maintain a six foot distance from others, including friends, coworkers and classmates. This practice should also be utilized in fraternity/sorority housing. For fraternity/sorority residents, this should include keeping a safe distance when studying in the house, eating in a dining room, or spending time in a study room or recreation room. Consider reducing furniture in shared spaces, allow for more room between desks, as well as tables in dining areas.
- Remember that each residence hall on campus houses more students than each fraternity/sorority.

Study Rooms: We have connected with the Corvallis Fire Department regarding Corvallis Code and if sleeping in study rooms was an option. Corvallis Code still applies during this time, so utilizing study rooms as a sleeping room is not an option.

Please continue to stay informed by checking the [COVID-19 Information](#) on the OSU homepage. You can access information shared with fraternity/sorority leadership by [clicking here](#). Let me know how I can continue to assist!

Interfraternally,

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Dear resident,

As you are likely aware by now, OSU has announced a transition to remote teaching effective for all of spring term 2020. We continue to navigate this unpredictable time in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic and we trust that state, local and university officials are making the best decisions to prioritize the health of our community.

UHDS remains dedicated to staying open and providing all of you with a place to call home while you learn, whether that’s remotely or in-person. Now, more than ever, our commitment to support you and your academic success remains paramount.

We are here for you and are taking [numerous steps](#) to help maintain a healthy living and dining environment for all campus residents. These efforts include additional touchpoint cleaning, providing healthy meal options, and continued educational programming. We know the decision to stay will be unique to your situation, however, staying on campus gives you access to resources that will support your success next term – including fast WiFi, tech support, nourishing meals available to-go, and daily professional cleaning of our buildings. Our staff will be available as you make the transition to online remote learning for spring.

While some of our services will certainly look different in the coming weeks that doesn’t mean we stop working for you. We’re all a part of Beaver Nation and we will get through this challenge together. If you have questions about the way we’re operating, don’t hesitate to reach out. You can DM us on social media, call our office at 541-737-4771, or email us at housing@oregonstate.edu.

For more information on how UHDS is adapting its policies and practices in response to COVID-19, please visit the [UHDS website](#).

Sincerely,

Stephen Jenkins
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