

Chapter Presidents, Chapter Advisors, House Directors & House Corporations:

I have further guidance for fraternities/sororities that I'm hoping can support you in next steps with communication to your members and in your decision about events. I've already seen that many chapters are choosing to cancel/postpone philanthropies, social events, etc. and I applaud you for making these decisions to support the well-being of members, guests, and loved ones.

To assist you, I've provided a number of details below and I welcome your questions about anything I've shared. I am aware that many of your inter/national organizations as well as umbrella organizations have been providing you guidance. Please incorporate that guidance along with what I have provided below. Please continue to stay informed by checking the [COVID-19 Information](#) on the OSU homepage. This is an evolving matter in which things can change quickly.

**We recommend the following measures in order to prioritize social distancing measures through April 30:**

- We are encouraging student groups to utilize [Zoom](#) to conduct meetings virtually, or use a free conferencing service such as FreeConferenceCall.
- Chapter sponsored and co-sponsored social gatherings, functions, events, etc. should be cancelled or postponed. The Corvallis Fire Department will not be permitting social events during this time.
- Chapter recruitment activities should be paused through April 30. We will communicate with each governing council a specific plan related to their own recruitment processes.
- Membership intake activities already underway should be completed virtually or with social distancing, if possible. Beginning any new membership intake process should be considered through consultation with your chapter coach, chapter advisor, and inter/national organization.
- Philanthropies and other chapter events should be evaluated and determined if they can still occur in an altered, remote, or online fashion. If not, postponement or cancellation should be considered.
- We will work with chapters on a case by case basis for any 2020 Relationship Statement criteria that they may miss or not have access to during this time. Please work with your chapter coach to navigate this if it applies to you. Remember that final 2019 Relationship Statement reporting forms are still by due March 15 if your chapter was completing any last criteria.

**Housed Chapters Specific Guidance:**

- For those groups that live in a chapter facility, do know that we are not closing the Residence Halls at this time. We know there are questions regarding members who live in housed chapters and who wish to stay on campus or return to campus after Spring Break. Fraternity and sorority houses are privately owned, and it is up to each organization to determine what should be done with individual tenants. We do ask that each housed chapter inform us of your plans/intentions moving forward as it relates to student housing during this time period so that we are aware of your operations.
- I understand a number of chapters have already restricted access to their facilities to not allow guests and non-residents. I urge you to analyze your own internal measures to prioritize the safety of your tenants.
- I will send a separate message to housed chapters with information specific to cleaning guidelines being used by the University. Look for that message soon.

**Other information to note:**

- All-University Sing practices, meetings, and reviews have been suspended until further notice. A plan for participating teams and the final performance will be communicated in the coming weeks.
- All governing council delegate and executive board meetings will be occurring remotely or in a paper format. Look for more information from your governing council president soon.
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I'm so sorry that these trying times are upon us and I know that this information is impacting students in many ways. I can't say thank you enough for your attention and sensitivity to this very important matter. I will continue to keep you abreast of information that is released from OSU. I know there are challenges ahead, and that we will get through these obstacles together. Please don't hesitate to reach out with what questions you have – the CFSL stands ready to assist you!

Interfraternally,

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