

Joint Councils Commitment to Virtual Engagement & Social Moratorium

The Governing Councils of Oregon State University, representing approximately 2700 students and 44 recognized organizations on campus, appreciate the efforts made by the administration to prioritize student safety in the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

It is important for us as fraternity and sorority members to recognize the important roles we play in contributing to a safe learning environment. We acknowledge that as residents of Corvallis and the campus community, we cannot put anyone at greater risk when it comes to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In an effort to ensure the safety of ourselves and others, we are committed to enforcing the directives and initiatives of our state, town, and campus. Thus, the following actions and guidelines will be established and implemented:

- 1) The laws, policies, and procedures of Oregon and Oregon Counties will continue to be enforced by our councils and chapters on and off-campus.
- 2) Greek undergraduates at Oregon State University will refrain from hosting any social get togethers that exceed any caps or restrictions set by the state or University and will avoid hosting social get togethers until it is determined that we can do so safely.
- 3) We will practice physical distancing and will be informative and educational within our community and chapters about responsible citizenship, safety measures, and public health initiatives.
- 4) We will explore and evaluate how to manage and monitor events while being innovative in developing new ways to engage with our members and campus, such as our commitment to continue full virtual recruitment.
- 5) We will hold our members accountable and encourage our peers across campus to follow our lead in keeping Oregon State University and the Corvallis community healthy and safe.

It's important to recognize that these rules put forth by the university and government organizations are in the spirit of protecting our community. Attempting to work around them based on technicalities, rather than following the spirit of them, will not put you in a favorable position. This pandemic is affecting everyone around us. As much as we want to get back to "normal" we have to think about the bigger picture and who we are protecting by not gathering. By committing to following these guidelines, we are hopeful that we can be a part of stopping the spread of the coronavirus which will result in being able to gather again.

In the case that these guidelines are not followed by our membership, those in violation will be referred to student conduct and their organizations will be referred to their respective council's judicial processes. Students should recognize that even on private property, whether active or alumni, they are still considered by our community as "wearing their letters", and should act accordingly. Issues will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Sanctions can range from a warning to loss of recognition based on severity.

We understand and want to recognize the hardships that the pandemic has inflicted on so many of our community members. In a time where we can not gather to celebrate our accomplishments and enjoy each other's company, we want to highlight the resources that are available to anyone in need. Resources such as the [Human Services Resource Center \(HSRC\)](#), [Counseling & Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#), [Student Health Services](#), and [Academic Success Center](#) are still operating during this difficult time. We as the Sorority and Fraternity community want our members to know that we are here to support you in any way we can.

We thank you for your leadership, compassion, and cooperation in the fight against the global pandemic. Be smart, be safe, and go Beavs!

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