

Coronavirus Advisory

Brothers,

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading rapidly across the world, the Executive Office of Sigma Pi Fraternity wants to be proactive in ensuring that our members remain safe and functional in the event of an outbreak on or near your campuses.

Holmes Murphy, our insurance provider, released guidance on the coronavirus that you may find helpful:

- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring the novel coronavirus outbreak. This is an emerging, rapidly developing situation and the CDC will **provide updated information** as soon as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance.
- Per the CDC, there is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Additionally, the CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- If a member feels they have been in contact with someone with coronavirus or have symptoms, they need to go to the hospital immediately for testing.
- Should the member test positive for the coronavirus, the CDC and the local health department will conduct contact tracing which will lead back to the fraternity facility (if applicable). Please also make your **Chapter Management Associate** aware as soon as possible.
- It will be under the control of the CDC and the local health department to determine the next steps.
- Individuals should not be quarantined in the fraternity's facility, nor would it be allowed if there was a known case of the coronavirus.
- Should the coronavirus be present in any facility, the facility needs to be properly decontaminated prior to approved reentry. For information on certified decontamination specialists, please consult the **Global Biorisk Advisory Council**.

As with any infectious disease, prevention and early recognition are keys to proper treatment and preventing further infection. The Executive Office of Sigma Pi is here to help and we hope that you and your loved ones remain healthy during this unpredictable time.

Fraternally,

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