



Coronavirus Advisory

Brothers, Advisors, and Volunteers –

Over the past month, we have learned about coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact it is having within our communities. The Executive Office of Sigma Pi is committed to supporting our chapters during this time. To that aim, you will find additional recommendations broken down below this email.

First, we implore all members to adhere to [necessary precautions identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and to maintain regular contact with your educational institution as it relates to any precautionary measures or policies they are considering.

Second, should your campus implement any policies or recommendations that impact the day-to-day operations of your chapter - such as, moving to online or distance learning or preventing student organizations to congregate - please notify your [Chapter Management Associate](#) as soon as possible.

Third, and of equal importance, let us remember our Creed “united in Brotherhood... to diffuse Culture, and to develop Character...” by respecting the dignity of all persons. Stories of profiling against those who are perceived to carry COVID-19 are unacceptable in Sigma Pi. We should embrace this public health event as an opportunity to foster community during this challenging time.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Executive Office staff. Be safe, wash your hands, and we will be in touch with updates.

Fraternally,

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Executive Director/CEO

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CHAPTER SUPPORT

- Please reach out to your Chapter Management Associate to determine if there is an available upcoming timeslot to host video and phone meetings with your chapter officers and advisors throughout the week (if you are not already meeting regularly).

CHAPTER MEETINGS

- Follow the recommendations made by your educational institution on regular gatherings for all registered student organizations.
- If your school recommends canceling all in-person meetings/gatherings, we recommend [reading this article that highlights the best way to engage remote meetings.](#)

ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEERS

- Engage with your chapter Executive Council to see what plans they have in place for the remainder of the semester. For example, could any brotherhood, social, or service events need to be rescheduled due to the impact of COVID-19?
- Identify any questions, concerns or resources they have and let the Executive Office know how we can help at this time.

HOUSING

- If you maintain housing, contact your local institution to learn about policies and procedures that might affect access, resources, and support.
- Begin to develop a plan, should the institution move to online learning, to ensure your living space and chapter members are safe, secure, and adequately accommodated.
- In the case that an individual within one of your housing facilities is feeling ill and/or is diagnosed with COVID-19, follow the recommendations made by your educational institution immediately for next steps.
- We ask that all Alumni Housing Corporation Board officers communicate with the host institution to learn more about any precautionary measures or steps that should be taken.

RECRUITMENT

- We believe that most chapters have completed their recruitment during this time, however, only 61% of chapters have reported new members. Please [submit your new member report](#) so we can ensure new members have access to member emails such as the memo you are reading today.
- If you have not yet completed and/or are looking to conduct a second round of recruitment this semester, please make sure you are coordinating with your Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisor and taking all precautionary measures for events.

NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

- Many of you are in the middle of your new member education process. We ask that you identify any opportunity for remote learning for new member meetings that would traditionally take place in-person. Limit the amount of events where large numbers of members and guests might gather.
- If your institution moves to online learning for the remainder of the semester, please notify the Executive Office through your Chapter Management Associate so we can adjust expectations accordingly.
- For any questions regarding modifying your new member educational program virtually, please contact your Chapter Management Associate.

INITIATION

- We are asking all chapters to revisit their new member plan and have all initiations completed by March 31st, 2020 unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
- Many of you will soon be approaching initiation for your spring new member class. Please conduct the Formal Ritual Process by the date mentioned above.

SOCIAL/PHILANTHROPIC EVENTS

- Please follow the recommendations made by your educational institution on social engagements, philanthropic events, fundraising events, and gatherings (including fraternity/sorority formals) for all registered student organizations.
- If your school recommends canceling all formal meetings/gatherings, we recommend [reading this article that highlights the best way to engage remote meetings.](#)

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