

Fraternity, Sorority, and Cooperative Life COVID-19 Update

Purdue FSCL Community and Partners:

President Daniel's decision to not resume in-person, on-campus classes has implications on your decision-making for living arrangements over the remaining few weeks of the Spring semester.

We recognize the many advantages of living in FSCL Houses, such as networking, close proximity to friends and social opportunities. However, these very same positives make it difficult, if not impossible, to adequately social distance and avoid large gatherings of people as prescribed by public health guidance in order to reduce the spread of the novel Coronavirus. Should a member become symptomatic or, worse, test positive for Coronavirus, we worry that our facilities lack the physical space needed to adequately isolate or quarantine them. Furthermore, FSCL houses present significant challenges related to food service, facility cleaning, oversight and behavioral compliance.

For these reasons, and given we will be teaching all classes remotely and canceling all student activities for the rest of the semester, we are strongly urging each member to move from/not return to their fraternity, sorority or cooperative house **if they can**. Organizations may consider remaining open for those students who **must** remain on campus, but any student who can return to their permanent residence /to a different location should do so. Where possible, students are also encouraged to leave their items in the house and not return to campus for the time being. University Residences will not be a housing option for displaced students that wish to remain on campus.

We urge all students, volunteers, advisors and staff to make the choice that is best for their own personal situation. In order to plan and ensure the health and safety of the Purdue, FSCL and surrounding community, we ask each FSCL house let us know your intentions by **Friday, March 20, 2020**, by [completing this form](#).

Students in University Residences are being asked to vacate their room and check out no later than March 30, 2020 if they are able, and/or not return to campus and I would encourage FSCL houses to follow a similar timeline.

I will share that several groups are considering a credit or refund for some portion of the housing costs for members, but I do not know the specific details. Of course, each housed organization will need to make decisions based on their ability and individual circumstances.

Because of the extraordinary circumstances, FSCL houses may want to consider adjusting operations for any students choosing to stay on campus. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- *Members should be asked to take special precautions to maximize social distancing and do their part to help ensure the health of the campus community and anyone living in the FSCL house.*
- *Guests should be prohibited. This includes non-resident members that are attempting to travel between home and other locations.*

- *Be mindful of staff needs as they may have families or health issues that they need to take into consideration.*
- *Cleaning services/duties should be continued.*
- *With bars, nightclubs and restaurants being instructed to close for in-person dining, additional pressure may be placed on FSCL houses to be a social distraction, which would not be productive at his time. Please consider how your organization will monitor this if the decision is made to remain open to students.*
- *If you allow members to move out of the facility immediately, please consider a staggered process that will support social distancing as much as possible. However, we do not recommend moving out at this time.*
- *Coordinate daily check-ins with individuals living in the house virtually to make sure all are well.*
- *Any residents/members returning from spring break trips should follow guidance from the CDC and quarantine. It may be wise to ask individuals not to return to their FSCL house until they have quarantined for 14 days following spring break.*
- *Food service should consider operating with bag/sack/pick-up service only.*
- *Guidance from federal and state public health authorities may require additional actions on the part of students who remain with us.*

We understand that these times are challenging. We applaud you for all of your efforts and what you do to help in our mission of creating a healthy and safe community. Thank you for your patience as we together work through these challenges. Please stay up-to-date with all university changes on Purdue's [COVID-19 response website](#).

Krach Leadership Center is closed until further notice, but our staff is still continuing operations remotely. We are eager to support you through these challenges- please let us know if you have any questions. We all have access to our phones, email and text, and we'll keep you updated moving forward. For general questions regarding Fraternity, Sorority, and Cooperative Life, please contact our office at 765-494-5990.

Sincerely,

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