The Purdue University Board of Trustees approved Pandemic Response Measures, a list of which is available in this May 7th article. This includes a shortened on-campus schedule for the fall 2020 semester. Organizations will need to develop a plan to mirror the adjusted fall in-person schedule which ends on Thanksgiving break.

**WEBINAR**

Pennington & Company is offering a Free Webinar next week on the important topic of: *Recruitment & Housing - Fill Your House with High Quality Members in 2020.*

**TUESDAY MAY 19 @ 7 PM (EST)**

REGISTER HERE

For more information on this webinar look for this icon in the sidebar of page 2!

**A WORD FROM FSCL**

The newest edition of our newsletter aims to provide some areas for critical thinking, additional resources, and prompts for consideration in determining the future to come. We are currently working with Purdue University to develop guidance for all facets of fraternity, sorority and cooperative life. We hope that will be available in the coming weeks. A variety of interfraternal partners have released guidance regarding housing and best practices; you will find their information threaded throughout the content and links available for additional reading.

If you have questions or need assistance in building plans for your facility, please reach out to Spencer (mshudec@purdue.edu) or Brandon (bcutler@purdue.edu) regarding scheduling a strategy meeting.

**WHERE TO START - THE BASICS**

The things we know for sure that will need to be planned for, adjusted, or attended to:

- **Sanitizing & Disinfecting** - Expectations around cleaning will continue to rise. Traditional plans may no longer cut it. Provide hand sanitizer at all entrances and high traffic areas. For more information see the Redefining Clean section on page 2.

- **Social/Safe Distancing** - Among the 6 feet of personal distance, a variety of additional recommendations exist for how to manage that distance and what else comes with it for more, see Additional Guidance section on page 3.

- **Sleeping arrangements** - Due to the need for safe distancing, sleeping arrangements in some houses may need to be adjusted. As soon as specific guidance becomes available, we will let you know. In the interim, it would be wise to consider your options for reducing the density of sleeping/cold air rooms.

**SUPPLY CHAIN ASSISTANCE**

Purdue University has agreed to assist with the securing of disposable face masks, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer for housed organizations. If you would like to be included on this supply chain order please let FSCL know as soon as possible by filling out this form.
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARENTS

Parents are incredible partners and many have a vested financial interest in their student’s collegiate experience. We know that providing clear communication is important in keeping them positively engaged with their student’s membership in our organizations and overall success as a student. Parent relationships are important for our organizations, especially in a time when concern over the health and safety of our living environments may have some parents rethinking their student’s decision to live-in.

We have a responsibility to provide transparency regarding how we are addressing concerns around health and safety, providing checks and balances for our processes, and creating a safe, healthy environment for our members to live. If you have not already, begin to plan your communication with parents and residents regarding the changes being made. We anticipate that parents will begin to rethink their student’s living arrangements sooner, rather than later as they will want to sign a lease with an outside entity if our facilities cannot meet their needs.

FSCL plans to send a parent newsletter this summer which will include links to our previous newsletters and information about what we have asked you to consider in your planning.

RECRUITING IN THE TIME OF CORONA VIRUS

As we discussed in the last newsletter. Your facility features strongly in the recruitment process. Utilizing virtual tours and communicating updates to changes you are making to help combat COVID-19 will be important in providing transparency and managing expectations about the level of care our members can expect. Our partners at Phired Up have created this great list of The Top 10 Things Your Chapter Should Do Right Now To Respond to COVID-19. Visit their blog and youtube channel for additional, free resources that can benefit your organization.

REDEFINING CLEAN

As always, be sure to check out the CDC’s COVID-19 Cleaning Checklist. This resource should be shared with residents and staff responsible for the cleanliness of your facility.

As mentioned previously, keeping our environments safe means keeping them clean. Doing so will mean re-evaluating previous practices in order to meet new guidelines and higher expectations of residents and their parents.

- Potentially hiring professional cleaners to come in 1-2 days/wk, adjusting budgets to make this possible.
- Develop, Communicate, and Enforce cleaning responsibilities, good hygiene and health practices.
ISOLATION PLANS
Isolation plans should include access to a private bathroom in order to minimize exposure and be physically separated from other residential rooms. Have a framework in mind for providing food, via meal drop off, etc.

WHAT ABOUT STAFF?
Begin planning for a safe employment and volunteer experience. Adjust operations as needed for your House Director, Staff, and volunteers. Visit the CDC for Employer Recommendations.

FACILITY SERVICES
Looking to pursue new services or change existing ones in the following areas? Feel free to contact FSCL.
- Food/Catering Services
- Cleaning Services
- Property Management Services

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOUSE DIRECTOR?
If your House Director is transitioning out of their role, we’d be happy to send interested parties your way.

Please contact Spencer Hudec at mshudec@purdue.edu

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE
The American College Health Association recently released Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher Education in the COVID-19 Era. We’ve included some specific notes about housing from the report and plan to provide additional highlights in future newsletters.

Sanitizing & Disinfecting:
- Frequent reminders of proper hand hygiene (verbally, posters, videos) with hand sanitizer widely available in common areas and rooms.
- Enhanced cleaning in all common areas and high-touch surfaces, consistent with enhanced cleaning practices of other non-residential areas such as academic buildings. Custodial workers should be provided appropriate PPE and training consistent with their duties. See CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting facilities.

Safe Distancing:
- Requirement of personal face coverings in common areas.
- Restrictions on events and social activities as per current physical distancing guidance. Reconfigure seating in common areas to ensure proper physical distancing. Establish allowable occupancy and develop plans to monitor and enforce.
- Restrictions on building access by non-residents, including outside guests, non-residential staff, and others. These restrictions may not apply to some people, such as personal care attendants for students with disabilities. Check with your insurance provider regarding their recommendations.

Education & Awareness:
- Widely shared/posted information in common areas about COVID-19 prevention. Check out the CDC communications resources including posters, videos, and more. Posted information should be updated as appropriate or with significant changes.
- Training on public health measures and signs/symptoms of COVID-19 for all live-in professionals.

Check out this article, The Risks - Know Them - Avoid Them from Erin Bromage, a Comparative Immunologist and Professor of Biology (specializing in Immunology) at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. For more info on her background and credentials see About the Author

SPOTLIGHT ON BATHROOMS
- When shared bathrooms are used, define the type and frequency of cleaning.
- Keep a sign off sheet on the wall or door, once tasks have been completed it should be initialed with the time.
- Adopt a twice daily (at minimum) check of the bathrooms. Tasks could include, checking status of and replenishing hand soap dispensers, paper towels, toilet paper. Wiping down counter spaces, faucets, handles in the room.
- Recognizing that bathrooms are high traffic areas where safe distancing is difficult, consider scheduled bathroom time.