

Psi Upsilon Memorandum

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To: Chapter Corporation Presidents, Advisers, and Archons
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Subject: COVID - 19

I am certain everyone is aware and concerned about the coronavirus (COVID – 19) spreading throughout the United States, Canada and the World. We are monitoring the situation closely at Psi Upsilon and working with our insurance broker, Holmes Murphy, other national fraternities and our higher education partners.

It is important that our chapters and members follow any guidance and restrictions mandated by their institutions of higher education and local government. Several colleges have moved to limit in person interactions, by moving classes and lectures to an online format, and reducing or suspending other student activities.

Holmes Murphy has also provided the following guidance you may find helpful regarding coronavirus:

- The Centers 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. [You can follow information here.](#)
- Per the CDC, there is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the 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. If you have flu symptoms stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except to get medical care.
 - 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 percent alcohol.
- Maintain at least three feet distance from anyone coughing or sneezing.
- If a member feels they have been in contact with someone with coronavirus or has symptoms of having coronavirus, 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 likely lead back to the fraternity facility (if applicable). If this occurs, please contact your chapter advisor, house corporation president, host institution and the International Office as soon as possible.
- If this occurs, your shelter will be under the control of the CDC and the local health department to determine the next steps.
- Individuals should not be quarantined in a fraternity facility, nor will 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. Local health department officials will advise on this process.

The Fraternity and Foundation are monitoring the rapidly changing situation, tracking updates, and following guidance from the federal government, the Centers for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization. As of March 10, there have not been any limits or advisories placed on domestic travel, and health officials are reinforcing that the risk to the general public in the USA is low. At present, the 177th Convention will take place as planned from July 24-July 27, 2020, in Atlanta, GA. Should any changes to this occur, the International Fraternity will communicate it accordingly

We will provide additional updates and resources as appropriate including guidance for remote activity and new member education to our undergraduate chapter presidents and advisors as they navigate this situation. If you should have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at 317-571-1833 x 103.

