

ALPHA OMICRON PI

Fraternity

ALUMNAE CHAPTER RESPONSE GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19

The overall health and wellness of our members deserves our utmost care and attention. Alpha Omicron Pi continues to monitor the global health situation, COVID-19, and is actively discussing contingency plans for alumnae chapter operations. Our main priority is the health and well-being of our members.

What Is COVID-19?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), on February 11, 2020 the World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan China. The new name of this disease is coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease. Formerly, this disease was referred to as "2019 novel coronavirus" or "2019-nCoV".

There are many types of human coronaviruses including some that commonly cause mild upper respiratory tract illnesses. COVID-19 is a new disease, caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans. The name of this disease was selected following the World Health Organization (WHO) best practice external icon for naming of new human infectious diseases.

For the most up to date information about COVID-19 from the CDC, please click [here](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is essential alumnae chapter business?

To encourage social distancing during this time, all non-essential gatherings of 25 or more people are strongly discouraged. Alumnae chapter officers should consider postponing meetings and events or consider remote technology.

How should we host virtual meeting?

You can conduct chapter business virtually. We want to work with your chapter to provide tools to meet virtually. To help your chapter we have set up Zoom accounts available for your chapter to utilize so that you can meet face to face virtually with one another. Alumnae Chapter

Presidents, please contact Kayla Reszka, Assistant Director of Alumnae Engagement, for assistance in setting this up as well as procedures for electronic voting, if needed.

What if we have a milestone anniversary planned?

To encourage social distancing during this time, all non-essential gatherings of 25 or more people are strongly discouraged. Alumnae chapter officers should consider postponing or cancelling events as well as if contracts can be re-negotiated because of postponed or cancelled events.

We were supposed to conduct alumnae transition Ritual with a local collegiate chapter, what should we do?

Unfortunately, you will need to support the collegiate chapter following college/university guidelines and the chapter will likely need to cancel this Ritual ceremony. We encourage creative communication between alumnae chapters and collegiate chapters to connect graduating seniors.

What should we do about alumnae chapter dues if activities are cancelled due to COVID-19?

Alumnae chapter officers should determine if it is appropriate to refund local dues.