As the Fraternity and Sorority Community continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, we have created this Frequently Asked Questions page to address common concerns from students, families, Faculty/Staff, Headquarters Staff, and any other stakeholders in our community.

For the most up-to-date information on Coastal Carolina University’s response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, please visit https://www.coastal.edu/coastal-now/news/advisory/.

Chapter/University Operations:

What is happening to the meetings/events that were planned between now and April 3rd?

- Coastal Carolina University has transitioned to all online classes for the rest of the Spring semester. During this time, all chapter-sponsored meetings, events, socials, & travel are cancelled. Additionally, council and OFSL sponsored events such as Greek Week & Mock Rock, NPHC Week, etc. are cancelled. The rescheduling of these meetings will be determined on a case-by-case basis upon the University returning to normal operation. Chapters and Councils are strongly encouraged to host meetings and events through online platforms such as Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc.

Do I still have to pay dues if we aren’t on campus?

- All members of our community who are inquiring about dues payments should refer to their Inter/National Organization’s website, as well as their Chapter Presidents, Chapter Financial Officers, and Chapter Advisors.

What is happening with my New Member/Intake process?

- IFC and Panhellenic chapters who are conducting a New Member process are encouraged to work with our Office and their Inter/National Organizations to complete any educational components of their process online. Upon returning to campus, chapters will have 2 weeks to initiate new members. Our office will be working with chapters to secure spaces for initiations. Chapters should prepare to work with their Inter/National Organizations to ensure their initiation ceremonies have less than 50 people present, if this restriction still exists at the time of initiation.

- NPHC chapters who are conducting Membership Intake should follow all guidance from their Inter/National organizations. We will continually be working with chapters on a case-by-case basis to continue Membership Intake processes, based on the provisions given by their Inter/National Organizations.

- If you are a student who is currently in a New Member or Membership Intake Process, you will need to contact your New Member Educator/Intake Coordinator, Chapter President, and Chapter Advisor about next steps in your processes.

How is my chapter supposed to operate if we aren’t allowed to meet?

- While chapters are prohibited from meeting in-person, chapters are allowed and encouraged to conduct meetings and continue their business online. Coastal Connections, Skype, Zoom, Google Hangouts, and Facetime are all valuable resources in conducting meetings virtually. Be sure to adhere to your chapter bylaws and Inter/National Organization policies and guidelines.
Can my chapter host socials?
- No. Chapters are not permitted to host any socials or events with alcohol while campus is closed. Any social or event with alcohol deemed to be hosted by a chapter will be considered an Unregistered Event with Alcohol and in violation of University Policy, and could be adjudicated by the Coastal Carolina University Office of Student Conduct and through your specific Council’s Judicial Process.
- Even if there is no alcohol present, chapters should NOT be hosting any sort of events, meetings, or “get togethers”. This is also a violation of the University guidelines and violating chapters could be adjudicated by the Coastal Carolina University Office of Student Conduct and through your specific Council’s Judicial Process.
- Chapters are advised NOT to sign any contracts or pay any deposits to venues or other services during this time. If your chapter has already done this, you can contact Amanda or Daniel to discuss what options may be available for your chapter.
- Members should be mindful of protecting our community by continually maintaining good Social Distancing practices. By doing this, you are preventing the spread of COVID-19 to people in our community who could be seriously harmed, such as elderly people and people with certain pre-existing conditions.

Member Well-Being & Support
What do I do if any of my members are having a difficult time during this crisis?
- There are a variety of resources that will remain available to students virtually while the University is hosting only online classes.
  - University Health Services: UHS will be open on a limited basis. If members are in the area and need to visit, they can call 843-349-6543 or go to their website at https://www.coastal.edu/health/.
  - Counseling Services: Counseling Services will be available Monday through Friday via telephone from 8pm-5pm by telephone. Their number is 843-349-2305. Outside of these hours, members can call Public Safety at 843-349-2117 and ask for the On-Call Counselor.
  - Student Advocacy and Intervention: SAI works with campus partners to accommodate for students experiencing any issues that are impacting their well-being and academic experience. For the full list of services, you can visit https://www.coastal.edu/sai/. Members who need to use this resource can email sai@coastal.edu. If you are concerned about a member’s well-being (and it is NOT an emergency), you can anonymously refer them to SAI at this link: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?CoastalCarolinaUniv&layout_id=2
  - Student Benevolence Funds: Students who are experiencing financial hardship can apply for the Student Benevolence Funds. If they meet the criteria, they may receive up to $500. More information and the link to apply for these funds can be found at https://www.coastal.edu/deanofstudents/studentbenevolencefunds/.
  - Emergencies: If you or a member are experiencing any type of emergency, call 911. If you are on-campus, immediately contact the Department of Public Safety through their emergency number at 843-349-2911.

How can I make the most of my Fraternity/Sorority experience while not on campus?
- There are many ways members can make the most of their experience while not on-campus. Fraternities and Sororities were built on relationships. Connect with your brothers/sisters using
virtual platforms such as Facetime, Zoom, & Skype. If you do not have a position in your chapter, ask how you can help the chapter virtually.

- The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and your Inter/National Organizations are working to provide virtual resources that will help members engage in activities and programs that adhere to our shared values of Service, Scholarship, Friendship, Leadership, and Philanthropy. These will be distributed to your Chapter Presidents and Chapter Advisors, or through your Inter/National Organization.

How can I prevent the spread of COVID-19?

- Wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds.
- Maintain social distancing. This means limiting the time you are in public areas to the bare minimum. If you do need to go out in public, maintain at least 3 feet distance between you and someone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and dispose of the tissue immediately. You may also cough or sneeze into your bent elbow.
- If you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, seek medical care immediately and call in advance. Calling in advance allows a health care professional to guide you to the right health care facility. Stay at home until you’re able to see a health care professional.
- Stay informed and follow all advice given by your health care professional and local Department of Health.