

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

September 4, 2020

Dear Members of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council Executive Boards:

When we met last week, I clearly articulated the university's expectations of students regarding MSU's community compact and all state, county, and local health orders and ordinances. As we approach a long weekend and fraternity and sorority recruitment, I want to reiterate my expectations.

I also want to clearly state the university's intention to discipline students whose behavior violates those expectations or orders. In addition, the city and the university will be taking action when individuals or organizations, including fraternity or sorority chapters or houses, host large gatherings or otherwise violate health orders or ordinances.

I have instructed the MSU Dean of Students Office and our Student Affairs Office to follow up with information on how the formal adjudication process through the Student Conduct System operates and the nature of the potential consequences to both individuals and organizations for violations.

As you know, I am a physician with a specialty in infectious diseases. I have carefully observed the spread of COVID-19 and I am deeply concerned about the current trend of increasing student to student transmission. I am troubled by the apparent disregard for public health measures as simple as wearing facial coverings, maintaining physical distance and avoiding large gatherings.

I ask you to alert your members to the continued requirements and the enforcement measures we intend to utilize. While I want you to enjoy your college experience and the comradery that being a member of a student group provides, we will increase our focus and accountability for following health-related orders and ordinances.

Your friends, neighbors, families, coworkers, fellow members and others you encounter are counting on you to do your part to help keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,



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