Live up to Your Responsibility

The COVID-19 pandemic has undeniably changed how fall semester at Michigan State University and living within the East Lansing community looks and feels. It forces the Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) community to adapt and find ways to not only stay engaged, but to meet these unprecedented challenges with understanding, compassion and a focus on the health and safety of the community.

To that end, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) voted in August 2020 regarding a social moratorium for levels 1, 2 and 4 social events for the Fall 2020 semester. The majority of IFC chapters voted in favor of the social moratorium, but the moratorium did not receive the required two-thirds vote to pass. It is disappointing that some organizations and members do not see the importance of being a positive example of leadership in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 within our community.

It is important for the FSL community to understand the times we are in and the significance of behavior associated with the transmission of COVID-19. We urge the community to take on the responsibility of behaving in ways that support health and safety by not hosting these types of social events at their houses, despite the outcome of the moratorium vote.

Consistent with the MSU Community Compact, any student found in violation of campus, local, or state ordinances or orders is subject to adjudication through the MSU Student Conduct System. Sanctions through this process include suspension and dismissal from the university. This is a matter of personal responsibility.

The Division of Student Affairs and Services and Fraternity & Sorority Life staff continue to support IFC leadership, and especially IFC President Daniel Wolfe for leading this community during these challenging times. We also want to recognize the 17 IFC chapters that supported the social moratorium for the Fall 2020 semester. These 17 chapters have shown us they truly are living their values as leaders and as Spartans.

We recognize the following chapters:

- Alpha Kappa Psi
- Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Alpha Sigma Phi
- FarmHouse
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Kappa Psi
- Phi Kappa Sigma
- Phi Kappa Tau
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Mu
- Sigma Tau Gamma
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Theta Chi
- Theta Delta Chi
- Triangle
- Zeta Psi

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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