

TOGETHER **WE WILL.**

Fraternity & Sorority Life During The Pandemic

How Parents & Families Can Help Their Student Adjust To A Temporary, New Normal



The **Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL)** community at Michigan State includes nearly 5,000 Spartans to create a socially engaging and personally fulfilling student life experience.

Given the size of our community, our members must realize that **their actions impact the actions of ALL Spartans**. So, during the pandemic, our community members need to **lead by example** and take **personal responsibility** in order to protect the health and safety of all Spartans.

Parents & Families: use the information below to help ensure your student has an enjoyable, healthy, and safe FSL experience.

FIVE THINGS

To Discuss With Your FSL Student

RESPECT THE COMMUNITY COMPACT

All MSU students are expected to follow the Community Compact, which can be found at msu.edu/together-we-will.

MAKE GOOD CHOICES

If history is any guide, some students may engage in risky behaviors. Encourage your student to make safe and responsible decisions regardless of what others do.

PHYSICALLY DISTANCED, SOCIALLY ENGAGED

It'll be tempting for students to attend large off-campus parties or events. Students should be mindful of local laws and public health guidance as they determine whether those parties or events fall within the guidelines.

EXPECT CHANGES

Academic, extracurricular, and personal plans are bound to change this semester. Students should be open and flexible to temporarily adjusting to a new normal.

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP

Adjusting to this temporary, new normal may be tough for many students. Encourage your student to reach out to their fellow chapter members, family, and friends to stay socially engaged. All students also have access to Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS) should they need professional guidance.

QUESTIONS

Regarding FSL During The Pandemic

- **My student wants to join a fraternity/sorority. Will they be recruiting this fall?**
- Yes. Many fraternities & sororities intend on recruiting new members this fall. Please follow @GoGreekMSU on Instagram for updates.
- **What steps are fraternities & sororities taking to ensure recruitment is safe?**
- Fraternities & sororities, and their governing councils, have established modified recruitment plans for the fall.
- While the plans differ, in many cases chapters will be taking a hybrid approach to recruitment, offering virtual and in-person events, while also observing public health guidance at any in-person events.
- **Do fraternities & sororities plan on holding in-person events?**
- Fraternities & sororities, and their governing councils, have plans to establish guidelines for holding events during the pandemic. **Michigan State University highly recommends that all events and social interactions be held virtually.** Each chapter also needs to be mindful of their inter/national organization's policies, local laws, and public health guidance.
- **Who should my student contact if they have questions regarding a specific chapter?**
- Visit greeklife.msu.edu to see the most up-to-date information regarding our governing councils and their chapters, which includes contact information.

Together, and despite the challenges we face, **WE WILL** ensure an enjoyable, healthy, and safe Fraternity & Sorority Life experience for all Spartans who call our community home. **GO GREEN!**



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