Hello,

With fall term beginning in a matter of weeks, I wanted to reach out to members of the fraternity and sorority community to provide some educational information and share community expectations as we begin the term. We need to work together to keep our community safe – I trust you will join me in that effort.

You should know that the State of Oregon:

- has limited indoor social gatherings to 10 people or fewer;
- has placed restrictions on the size of outdoor events; and
- has mandated face coverings indoors, AND outdoors if social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained.

I expect fraternity and sorority members to comply with state mandates. We have all seen pictures, videos, and read articles from colleges across the country where students have ignored similar restrictions. Frankly, I do not want to see the University of Oregon FSL community painted in that same light, and I know you do not, either.

Given this, I wanted to be upfront in communicating how fall term will look for our FSL community moving forward:

- There will be a moratorium on all FSL affiliated in-person social events fall term. This includes chapter events and events at live-out houses. We will revisit this for winter term.
- Fall recruitment, including any Bid Day activities, are to be virtual. IFC and Panhellenic leadership made the decision earlier in the summer – please respect this decision. I am very proud of their leadership in keeping these events safe for all students.
- Chapter meetings are to be held remotely.
- Large gatherings (including “day parties”) are a risk to public health. Your organization and individual students participating in them will be subject to student conduct actions if gatherings violate any state law, including those listed above. Again, this includes social gatherings at live-out houses.

Please know the UO is here to partner with you. We have arranged for COVID-19 testing for members of the FSL community this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Spaces are limited and you must reserve a testing time in advance. For more information about testing and to sign up, please visit the FSL blog.

Additionally, PeaceHealth, in partnership with UO Environmental Health and Safety, has volunteered to assist with a unique program. PeaceHealth infectious disease specialists have offered their time to work with chapters and offer guidance on how to keep chapter houses as safe as possible. They will not be asking you to reduce capacity, or mandating anything. Rather, they will be offering their expertise on how to make our facilities safe for residents. If you are interested in volunteering for the program, please contact Caitlin.
Roberts by this Friday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m.

While this is a temporary change to community expectations, the aftereffects of not complying may be permanent to the health of individuals and the vitality of the FSL community. I want to thank you, in advance, for putting your own health and safety and that of your fellow sisters and brothers, and the Eugene community, at the forefront.

Most sincerely,
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