

Center for Student Involvement Recommendations for Sorority and Fraternity Housing Facilities

Recommendations

The following recommendations are suggested by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Center for Student Involvement at the University of California, Davis to slow the spread of COVID-19 in housing facilities occupied by student organizations.

Each organization should work with the higher education institution to develop a plan for what to do when someone living in Greek Housing tests positive for COVID-19. A plan should include all the information below.

Recommendations for Common Spaces

- Consider how you can use multiple strategies to maintain [physical distancing](#) between everyone in common spaces of the facility.
- Cancel all public or non-essential group activities and events and move to a virtual platform.
- Arrange seating of chairs and tables to be at least 6 feet apart
- Minimize traffic in enclosed spaces, such as elevators and stairwells. Consider designating one directional stairwells, if possible.
- Make sure that shared rooms in the facility have good air flow from an air conditioner or an opened window.
- Consider working with building maintenance staff to determine if the building ventilation system can be modified to increase ventilation rates or the percentage of outdoor air that circulates into the system.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) shared areas (laundry facilities, elevators, shared kitchens, exercise rooms, dining rooms) and frequently touched surfaces using [EPA-registered disinfectants](#) more than once a day.
- Require all residents to wear a mask in communal spaces.

Considerations for Specific Communal Rooms

Shared kitchens and dining rooms

- Restrict the number of people allowed in the kitchen and dining room at one time so that everyone can stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) apart from one another.
 - People who are sick, their roommates, and those who have higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should be fed in their room.
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, or eating utensils.

- Non-disposable food service items used should be handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher. [Wash hands](#) before and after handling used food service items.
- Use gloves when removing garbage bags and handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands after handling trash.
- All meals should be to-go and meal pickup times should be staggered to reduce the amount of people who need to interact for meals.
- Meals can be eaten in common areas as long as physical distancing can be maintained
- Ensure residents have access to meal preparation areas, and cleanup resources, when mealtimes are not offered (weekends for example).

Laundry rooms

- Create a schedule and restrict the number of people allowed in laundry rooms at one time to ensure everyone can stay at least 6 feet apart.
- Provide disposable gloves, soap for washing hands, household cleaners and [EPA-registered disinfectants](#) for residents and staff to clean and disinfect buttons, knobs, and handles of laundry machines, laundry baskets, and shared laundry items after use
- Post [guidelines](#) for doing laundry such as washing instructions and handling of dirty laundry.

Recreational areas such as activity rooms and exercise rooms

- Consider closing activity rooms or restricting the number of people allowed in at one time to two (2) people to ensure everyone can stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) apart.
- Consider closing exercise rooms or moving them outside.
- Activities and sports (e.g., ping pong, basketball, board games) that require close contact are not recommended.
- It is recommended that masks are continued to be required in activity rooms and exercise rooms.
- Limit the equipment that is shared. For example, each member needs to bring their own yoga mats, workout gloves, etc.
- Provide disposable gloves, soap for washing hands, household cleaners and [EPA-registered disinfectants](#) for residents and staff after using equipment.

Shared bathrooms

- Shared bathrooms should be cleaned regularly using [EPA-registered disinfectants](#), at least twice per day (e.g., in the morning and evening or after times of heavy use).
- Make sure bathrooms are continuously stocked with soap and paper towels or automated hand dryers. Hand sanitizer should also be made available.
- Make sure trash cans are emptied regularly.
- Provide information on how to wash hands properly. Hang [signs](#) in bathrooms.
- Residents should be instructed that sinks could be an infection source and should avoid placing toothbrushes directly on counter surfaces. Totes could also be used for personal items to limit their contact with other surfaces in the bathroom.

- Provide extra cleaning materials for residents to clean up after themselves as they use the restroom.
- Include paper toilet seat covers for residents to use.
- Include [signage](#) for tips for cleaning.

Shared bedroom

- For single beds positioned across from each other (end-to-end)
 - The feet of the beds are at least 6 feet apart and resident's laying position is toe to toe.
- For bunkbeds that are positioned next to each other or across the room from one another
 - Position beds at least 6 feet apart.
 - Ensure resident's laying position is head to toe on each separate bunk bed, so positioning allows for the least transmission risk as possible.
 - This includes laying position that is head to toe with adjacent bunks.
- It is not recommended to have the beds positioned closer than 6 feet together. In order to position beds closer than 6 feet than partitions will need to be included between each of the beds.
- You can also view recommendations from [Holmes Murphy](#), [CSL Management](#), [Pennington & Company](#), [MJ Insurance](#), [Yolo County](#), [CDC](#)

Private Room and Bathrooms

Private rooms and bathrooms can be used but should be set aside for use when a live-in contracts or is suspected to have contracted COVID-19.

Food Delivery

If live-ins decide to have food delivered to the facility they are required to communicate with the delivery person that the food must be left on the doorstep at the time of delivery. Live-ins should not have contact with the delivery person.

Recommendations for Staff and Visitors

There should be no visitors of any kind in any of the housing facilities. One visitor is permitted when moving a live-in into a housing facility.

If necessary visitors (i.e. internet providers, EH&S, Plumbers, Contractors, etc.) have to enter the facility they are required to complete the questionnaire below. If necessary guests are present, determine the pathway for residents and guests to enter and exit the facility so they don't interact with others.

If necessary visitors answer “**No**” to all questions, the in-person visit may proceed by following all physical distancing guidelines and mask requirements.

If the necessary visitor responds “**Yes**” to one or more of the questions, the visit should not proceed.

Required Questionnaire:

- In the last 30 days, have you had a positive COVID-19 test?
- In the last 14 days, have you had sustained close contact (such as a household contact) with a person with a positive COVID-19 test?
- In the last 14 days, have you had a fever, cough, or diarrhea?
- In the last 14 days, have you had a cold or flu like symptoms?
- In the last 14 days, do you have concerns regarding other potential symptoms (loss of taste, loss of smell, eye redness or discharge, confusion, dizziness, unexplained muscle aches) related to COVID 19?

Opening your Facility

- Communicate what information you will need from residents prior to move-in such as confirmation of a negative COVID-19 exam.
- Students can provide their self-monitoring symptom survey results as required by UC Davis: [Daily Symptom Monitor Survey](#).
- Determine a schedule that will allow your residents to move in safely by staggering when residents are moving in (please see recommendations for staff and visitors section)
- Identify when residents can begin moving in prior to the first day of classes which is September 30, 2020.
 - Have additional anti-bacterial hand sanitizer.
 - Identify the restroom that guests can use and include clean-up supplies.
- Ensure that all residents understand the expectations of their behavior for living in the facility.

Closing your Facility

- Identify what scenarios would cause you to close the facility. Develop a plan based on the needs of your residents and the status of UC Davis.
- During a regular break (winter break/spring break) have residents pack up their items should they not be able to return for the following quarter.
- Should the chapter facility need to close mid-term, identify which residents may be allowed to stay in the facility, if any.
 - Please consider the need for affordable and/or safe housing and do not assume that every resident has an alternative safe space for them to live.
- Identify a move-out schedule, similar to a move-in schedule.
- Follow Quarantine/Isolation Procedures
- Ensure the resident has contacted the Student Health and Counseling Services at 530-752-2349 and follow [UC Davis Reporting Protocol](#)

If a Resident in your Facility has COVID-19 (suspected or confirmed)

- Have the resident seek advice by telephone from [Student Health and Counseling Services](#).
- The ill person **MUST** report their illness by emailing reportcovid@ucdavis.edu
 - Please include Full name, student ID, Name of Organization, Address, date of positive COVID result, date symptoms started

- Chapter leadership **MUST** contact Center for Student Involvement, Sorority and Fraternity Life by emailing jvlamarrelaurent@ucdavis.edu
- Provide the ill person with information on [how to care for themselves](#) and [when to seek medical attention](#).
- If a resident in your facility has COVID-19 or is suspected to have COVID-19 **it is required that all residents of the facility quarantine while the sick individual isolates**
 - Follow guidance on [when to stop isolation](#).
- Those who have been in close contact (i.e., less than 6 feet (2 meters) with a resident who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should monitor their health and should contact [Student Health and Counseling Services](#) if they develop [symptoms suggestive of COVID-19](#).
- [Households with suspected or confirmed COVID](#)

Additional Resources

- [Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education \(CDC\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Shared or Congregate Housing](#)
- [CDC General information for colleges and universities](#)
- [CDC Print flyers available](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection Decision Tool](#)
- [Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)
- [CDC Signage](#)