



The Ohio State University Panhellenic Association Statement Regarding The Autumn 2020 Semester and COVID-19 Guidelines

Panhellenic Sisters,

As we plan to return to campus and begin another school year, it seems there are more questions than answers. It is clear that this will not be a normal semester, and although it is heartbreaking, we must acknowledge that it is what is best for the health and safety of ourselves and our peers.

As Panhellenic women, it is our job to promote our ethical ideals and values, strong belief in scholarship, and actively lead in the community. This statement, as found in our constitution, is calling upon us to do what is right during the ongoing fight of COVID-19. The expectation is that all members of Panhellenic Sororities will follow the guidelines as outlined by The Ohio State University, The State of Ohio and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes but is not limited to wearing appropriate face coverings while on campus or in public places, not attending large gatherings such as parties and maintaining social distancing whenever possible. As the guidelines change, our community will adapt. We are committed to keeping our members and our peers safe.

Chapter leaders representing all of the 18 chapters and the executive board within the Ohio State Panhellenic Association have come together to show their solidarity in following the orders mandated from the university, the state and the CDC. It is understood that chapters should not host events of more than 10 people. When events of 10 or less are hosted, they should be done with appropriate face coverings and hygiene procedures in place. Chapters with housing facilities will follow University guidelines for making Sorority Housing as safe as possible. Members will wear appropriate face coverings in accordance with Governor DeWine’s July 23 mandate and the University’s Face Covering Requirement. Collectively, our chapters have elected to not host Social Events until restrictions are lifted to do our part in keeping our sisters and our community safe. Rather, we will focus on small group, socially distanced sisterhoods and virtual programming to continue to enhance the college experience of our members. We will continually monitor the regulations of the university, state and CDC to adjust the expectations of our chapters and community as the ability to host more in person activities is deemed safe.

Although the sorority experience will be different than we are used to, we are committed to ensuring your time as a member of this community adds positive experiences to your time on campus. We cannot wait to safely see our sisters soon.

Collectively,

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