

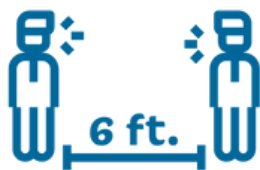
COVID-19 best practices & expectations

Stop the Spread

Members of Omega Phi Alpha are expected to adhere to guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state/local health department, university officials, and/or chapter leadership regarding:



Wearing masks & face coverings



Social distancing



General hygiene & hand-washing



Cleaning



Limiting mass gatherings

Wearing a Mask

According to recent CDC guidelines, cloth face coverings reduce the spread of COVID-19 when widely used in public settings by protecting you and those around you. Limiting close face-to-face contact with others also reduces the spread of coronavirus. Unless wearing a mask creates a serious health hazard, members are required to wear a mask at any Omega Phi Alpha function, especially when:

- You are in an indoor space with more than one person
- You cannot maintain 6 feet of distance outdoors
- You are in a vehicle with two or more people

This list is not exhaustive of all scenarios. The CDC has additional information available on how to wear and wash your cloth mask. The chapter should purchase masks to pass out to members who do not have their own.

Sister Safety Pledge

We encourage all sisters to take the “Sister Safety Pledge.”

*“I pledge to wear a mask to protect my sisters
and my sisters will wear a mask to protect me.”*

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S A F E	Stay at home if you are sick! Please monitor your temperature daily and stay home if you are sick or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath, or a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher.
	Avoid getting too close to others. Maintain social distance from other people. Members should keep their belongings separated. Sharing items is discouraged. If sharing is necessary, disinfect between uses.
	Face coverings are a must. Face coverings can help cut down on the spread of COVID-19 by people that have no or mild symptoms and that might be spreading the virus unknowingly. Continue to keep space between yourself and others.
	Everyone wash your hands and sanitize surfaces. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer. Regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Be considerate of sisters around you and the sensitivity that others may have regarding this pandemic. You may be unaware of their health or family members'/roommates' health conditions.

We encourage our members to continue to educate themselves with the most updated information from the CDC, local health authorities, and their college or university.

Chapter Operations

The high-touch and densely populated environment typical of most college campuses is a high-risk factor for the transmission of COVID-19. Protecting our members is our top priority. Campuses are considering a range of options for the safety of their communities. These options range from in-person classes to virtual-only classes.

All chapters are expected to plan accordingly with this and future guidance from Omega Phi Alpha along with:

- CDC guidelines
- State or local regulatory agency policies
- College/university guidelines or policies

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Omega Phi Alpha is monitoring campus return plans and is preparing chapters for three potential scenarios for the semester:

- In-person
- Hybrid
- Virtual

Omega Phi Alpha's National Operational Leadership Team reserves the right to modify the available options for chapter operations based on the evolution of COVID-19 throughout the semester.

We recommend that each chapter survey its membership to understand the comfort level of individual members when it comes to attending in-person events.

We also recommend that chapters evaluate their events and activities calendar and carefully consider the following:

Is this event necessary to create a meaningful experience for members?

- If yes, why?
- Can a meaningful experience be created virtually?

Does this event promote friendship, leadership, and service inclusively?

- If yes, how?

Can this event be held virtually and still promote inclusivity and our cardinal principles?

- Does this event or activity help our chapter retain members or grow?
- If yes, how?