

# Agreement: Pandemic Code of Conduct

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*Delta Gamma Fraternity is committed to providing opportunities for true sisterhood and connection among members while keeping health and safety at the forefront of all decisions. Guidelines have been created with our Culture of Care in mind and allow for members to hold each other accountable for any actions or behaviors that risk the health of members and their campus communities. Ultimately, all members must understand they are accountable for their behavior with respect to the health of other members.*

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of this code is to educate collegiate members on how to best minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 in a Delta Gamma chapter facility, within their chapter, and on their campus.

**2. Applicability and scope.** This code addresses the required safeguards for collegiate chapters of Delta Gamma Fraternity to avoid, slow or stop the spread of COVID-19 among our collegiate members.

**3. Effective date.** This code is in effect immediately and will remain in effect until retracted by Council.

**4. References/Affiliations.** Refer to the Fraternity Constitution, the Statement of Obligation, the Collegiate Chapter Resource Guide for the 2020-2021 School Year, the Housing Guide to Re-Opening and Centers for Disease Control guidelines concerning COVID-19.

### 5. Responsibilities.

a. Chapter Advisers and House Corporations. Chapter Advisers and House Corporation board members are responsible for adhering to the requirements set out in this code while visiting chapter members or a Delta Gamma chapter facility and informing the appropriate officers of changes in their health after visiting chapter members or a Delta Gamma chapter facility. Advisers are strongly discouraged from visiting the chapter facility and should attend meetings electronically whenever possible.

b. Collegiate Members. Collegiate Members (including new members) are responsible for adhering to the requirements set out in this code and informing the appropriate officers of changes in their health. Collegiate Members must understand that they are accountable for their behavior with respect to the health of other chapter members.

c. Honor Board. A chapter's Honor Board is responsible for holding Members accountable who do not follow the safeguards outlined in this code through a Statement of Obligation Review.

### 6. Code Statements.

a. Members must wear a mask when in a chapter facility (house, chapter room, residence hall floor, etc.), on the grounds of the chapter facility (porches, front lawn, etc.) and at all chapter functions. The only exceptions for not wearing a mask at a chapter facility are when a member is in their own room, when eating or drinking during a meal, while attending to personal hygiene (brushing teeth, showering, etc.) or when a member can maintain at least 6 feet distance from others while outside. Members who live in chapter facilities with "cold dorms" or "sleeping porches" are not required to wear masks while they sleep.

b. Members will need a clean mask to wear at the chapter facility and around campus. Masks should be worn while walking on campus, sitting in any indoor meetings, including classes, going to the restroom, or in any other location where social distancing is difficult. Members who live outside of a chapter facility are expected to take the same precautions on campus and at their homes as they would in the chapter facility, and should wear a mask at all times with the exception of being in their own room unless they live alone.

c. Members should not leave personal items in public areas of the chapter facility. All members should be mindful of touching surfaces in the facility and keeping their surroundings clean. Surfaces in the chapter facility should be wiped down after use, and additional cleaning products will be available for this

purpose.

d. Chapters will not hold meetings in chapter facilities at this time. The Chapter Management Team (CMT) will decide if non-resident Members may enter the chapter facility. If non-resident Members can enter the facility, they are only allowed in public spaces and must follow social distancing protocols for spacing and the designated maximum occupancy for the room. Advisers are strongly discouraged from visiting the facility and should attend meetings with officers electronically whenever possible.

e. Non-member guests are not allowed in the chapter facility at this time except for move-in, maintenance, and other similar, non-social purposes. Only house directors and members with signed room agreements are allowed to stay in the chapter facility overnight.

f. Members should do daily temperature checks on their own and monitor themselves for other COVID-19 symptoms. A Member will stay at their residence and away from other members if they are feeling ill or experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever (100.4 degrees or more)
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New gastrointestinal symptoms
- New loss of taste or smell

Members experiencing any of these symptoms should contact their campus health clinic or health care provider to engage in a discussion about whether a test is needed.

g. A Member who tests positive for COVID-19 will inform the chapter president and vice president: social standards as soon as reasonably possible. The Member will also inform those officers regarding what Members they potentially exposed over the 10 days prior to the positive test (usually someone who has been within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes without masks with the person who contracted the virus). The vice president: social standards or another member of Honor Board will inform the potentially exposed Members and encourage them to be tested.

h. A Member who tests positive for COVID-19 will isolate themselves appropriately. Centers for Disease Control guidelines recommend that the isolation end 14 days after the onset of symptoms, with significant improvement in respiratory symptoms during this time and after 24 hours of no fever without fever-suppressing medication.

i. A Member who has had direct exposure from a person who tests positive for COVID-19 will isolate themselves from the rest of the chapter for 14 days.

j. Members who are isolating due to a positive test result or exposure will not be fined for missing anchored events during the isolation period. Further, Members who are absent from in-person events/meetings due to COVID-19 concerns will not be fined. Chapters should assume good intentions from any Member with concerns about in-person events/meetings, but Honor Board may intervene if a Member is not isolating from other large, in-person social situations and only from chapter events.

k. Chapters will not require additional testing for those without symptoms outside of any university requirements.

l. Members who can isolate themselves somewhere other than the chapter facility should do so whenever possible to protect other Members from exposure. Options for this are: reaching out to a family/support system member, moving into a designated campus isolation room, or moving to an off-campus location where isolation is possible. Prior to returning to campus, each Member should create a plan for what to do if they get ill, as well as what they will do if the chapter facility is forced to close.

m. No social events will be held during the first 30 days of the academic term, starting with the first day of classes, so campus health conditions may be evaluated. The Fraternity reserves the right to extend the prohibition of social events if conditions deem it necessary. It is recommended that no social events are held until January 2021 at the earliest. Once social events are allowed, chapters will not hold events that do not accommodate social distancing as outlined in the CDC guidelines. Masks must be worn at all social events by members and their guests until further notified.

n. Chapters shall follow national, state, provincial, local and campus guidelines about gathering size restrictions. Chapters in the United States should use the following tool to assess the risk of a potential event, based upon the number of people in attendance and the county/parish where the event will be held:

<https://covid19risk.biosci.gatech.edu/?fbclid=IwAR1nmNMgXr9gEXmbIIPjqUVMnogaULXxu3B4JW34d0kqIW26BH4LGBPVIDc>

Chapters in Canada should use this tool: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

o. Where there is a discrepancy between the Fraternity requirement and a local, state, provincial, federal or university requirement, Members will comply with whichever requirement is more restrictive.

**7. Policy Proponent and Exception Authority.** The proponent of this policy is the Council Trustee: Collegians.

Approved by Council on 07/27/2020

I affirm that I have read, understand, and agree to the Delta Gamma Fraternity Pandemic Code of Conduct. I further understand that it is my responsibility to follow the Code and do my part to protect myself and others by preventing the spread of COVID-19, and that I may be held accountable by my chapter's Honor Board for any actions or behaviors that risk the health of other chapter members or our campus community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature:

***Countney Grooms***

Date Signed: 08/13/2020

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