



COVID-19 UPDATE AND GUIDELINES – MARCH 16, 2020

As Alpha Epsilon Phi continues to monitor the progression of COVID-19 and the impact on our chapters, colonies and host campuses our recommendations are constantly changing. It is extremely hard for us to stay ahead of the game as whatever we say now may be negated in the next update from federal and state governments.

As of today, our staff is working remotely. You will see little interruption in their accessibility although response times may be somewhat slower than normal. Here is contact information for our staff:

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We realize we are likely repeating what you have heard/read elsewhere but we want to reiterate the important steps we all need to take to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and to protect ourselves, our families and our friends.

- Limit all travel at this time.
- All events scheduled for the remainder of this academic year need to be cancelled. Most venues are now willing to reschedule. Again, if you have any difficulty with this, please contact Bonnie Wunsch directly.
- New guidelines are to limit any gatherings to 10 people or less!
- Each house corporation has been, or will be, in touch with residents as to specifics for their house.
- We will be sending recommendations for continuing new member education virtually. In the meantime, please reference the [Virtual Engagement suggestions](#) for keeping both new members and active sisters engaged and connected.
 - Do you have additional suggestions to share? Please post on social media and use the hashtag #AEPHiVirtual2020
- At this time, we are moving forward with plans for Summer Leadership 2020 but will be assessing this regularly.

If any collegian or alumna has a question or concern, please direct them to AEPHi's [COVID-19 Team](#) at covid19team@aephi.org. We will respond and include the appropriate team members and subject matter experts.

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS AND RESOURCES

The deadline to apply for **Alpha Epsilon Phi Foundation Scholarships** has been extended to May 30th. Additionally, all sisters are eligible to apply for scholarships this year. The application may be accessed at <https://alphaepsilonphifoundation.submittable.com/submit>. Please direct any question to Sarah Van Buren at foundationscholchair@aephi.org.

Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene by washing hands frequently, limiting physical contact such as hugging and hand shaking, avoid large group events and self-quarantine if you begin to feel ill.

Social distancing should be practiced at all times including, but not limited to, meals, meetings or simply “hanging out.”

Refer to the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) or [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) websites for the most current and accurate information.

ALL AEPHI POLICIES remain in place and must be adhered to as if operations were continuing as “normal.”

AEPHIs must be considerate in their actions and words to those affected by COVID-19. It is important to avoid making any inappropriate comments or references to the virus, or those affected by it. It is most important to respect and support those who are avoiding the disease, self-quarantining because of it or having to support loved ones who have contracted it. Take this into consideration in all forms of communication including social media.