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Dear Sister of Gamma Phi Omega,

Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our members. At this time, there are no reported cases of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) within the sorority. However, given the most recent declaration by the federal government, we must take additional measures to limit the spread of this virus. We continue to closely monitor the updates provided by the CDC, federal and state authorities. We are also receiving updates about college campuses across the country, including those where we have active chapters.

Effective today 3/15/20, all Gamma Phi Omega events are suspended until further notice. This includes:

- On or off-campus sorority events (undergraduate and alumnae)
- Sponsored social gatherings
- Regional meetings, retreats
- Non-essential travel for sorority volunteers (including mentors, RDs, NBOD)

Due to this, we suggest:

- Meeting virtually or using phone conference platforms
- Posting cancellation/postponement notifications for advertised events
- Consulting with campus FSL/Student activity offices and sharing the national guidance
- Following all guidelines provided by the CDC, including self quarantine if you may have been exposed <u>COVID 19 CDC information</u>

The intake process for any current associates must be completed virtually; there will be no exceptions made. The National Director of Intake has completed a virtual intake manual to use for the remainder of the intake process. The NBOD does plan to carry out special activities at a later date for this group of members who will have missed the in-person experiences.

Be aware that we have members and associate members with medical conditions and/or family members who are high risk/vulnerable and therefore do not need unnecessary exposure to this virus. We implore all of our members to take this situation very seriously and heed the recommendations of medical authorities which include social distancing to limit the spread.

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We appreciate members who continue to share resources and are checking in with one another to offer support. This is an unprecedented time and can provoke anxiety and stress. This is when our sisterhood really needs to come to the forefront. While none of us know how long this will continue, we must demonstrate care and concern for each other as we navigate this. Do not hesitate to reach out to NBOD if there are questions or concerns you have. We will do our best to provide additional resources or seek more information as we are able.

In Unity,

National Board of Directors