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## **Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. Statement on Coronavirus**

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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National Leadership is aware of concerns regarding Regional Conferences and the coronavirus. Individual members who choose not to attend their Regional Conference due to coronavirus concerns will not be penalized and it will be considered an excused absence with the expectation to attend the Regional Conference virtually. At this point we will leave it up to the individual regions to decide whether or not to cancel their Regional Conference.

For Regional Conferences that are cancelled, nationals will be able to assist the host chapter in recuperating any cancellation fees incurred from hotel and/or catering services. Host chapters will be responsible for issuing any refunds to individuals, if feasible, and, before any cutoff dates.

We are aware that some universities have cancelled in-person classes and other events. If this applies to your university then please contact your District Chair, Regional Director, or Chapter Development Officer. Your chapter will not be penalized for missing events, service, or study hours. If a member chooses to self-quarantine, they will not be penalized for missing events, service, or study hours regardless of whether the university has cancelled in-person classes or other events. Any missed events or hours will be rolled over to the next semester/quarter or until the health advisories deem safe. However, we encourage everyone to continue with their scheduled events and follow precautions and recommendations from the Central for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

We understand university regulations may impact chapters and colonies that are currently conducting intake. For any universities that have shut down or no longer allow in-person events, New Members will be able to apply for, and be granted, holdover status. For universities that continue to allow for in-person programming, the New Member Education process will continue as planned. The Intake Division is prepared to work with each chapter and colony for accommodations if needed, depending on current university protocol. Please contact the New Member Education Officer or Vice President of Intake for assistance.

As a reminder, please keep in mind the following:

- The risk to the general public in the United States is considered low at this time.
- While there is currently no vaccine, the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is similar to how you'd take precautions against the cold or flu.



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- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the crook of your elbow, rather than your hands – and throw the tissue away immediately.
- Wash your hands often using soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- There is no need to wear a face mask if you are well and do not have symptoms.

We are closely following developments related to the coronavirus, including travel guidelines and health advisories, and will notify members of any additional guidance.

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