

GREEK LIFE ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROTOCOL: FRATERNITY HOUSES AND GREEK SUITES

Guiding Principles

You will sleep, study, relax, make new friends, and build community in your Greek residence or suite. This academic year will present unique challenges, but one principle remains the same: your safety and well-being is of paramount importance. Just as you have an obligation to help keep your friends safe, they have an obligation to do the same.

As we live together over the coming year, please remember:

- We are all in this together.
- Care about yourself. If someone's behavior is putting you at risk, say something.
- Care about others. If your behavior is putting others at risk, change it.
- If you see someone not following these policies, be gentle, but courageous, in holding your peers accountable.
- Seek help from Residence Life staff members when you need it.

What should fraternity residents do if they feel sick?

Please see the Fortify Franklin plan for official Health Services implementation guidelines. Below is a summary of information that may be helpful to you in the fraternity houses.

People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shivers and chills, fatigue, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. (This list is not all inclusive. Please contact your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.)

If a student experiences these symptoms during business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm), they should contact the Health Center at 317-738-8090. If a student experiences any of the above symptoms outside of business hours, they should contact the on-call Residence Life professional staff member at 317-738-8015.

If a resident feels that they may be experiencing a life-threatening emergency, they should first call 911.

In consultation with other campus administrators, the Office of Residence Life may determine that the resident should isolate or quarantine at their permanent residence (off campus home), that the resident should relocate to on-campus quarantine & isolation housing within the residence halls, or that no action is necessary.

Roommates/suitemates of a symptomatic resident may be required to quarantine at their permanent residence (off-campus home) or relocate to on-campus quarantine housing within the residence halls.

If a resident has any overnight travel away from campus and develops any of the aforementioned symptoms, they should contact the on-call Residence Life staff member at 317-738-8015 before returning to campus.

Masks in the Fraternity Houses and Greek Suites

Masks covering the nose and mouth are required everywhere in the fraternity houses and Greek suites with the exception of shower stalls and private rooms. This requirement extends to trips to the kitchen, bathroom, laundry room and other common spaces. If a college official – acting in an official capacity – need to interact with members inside private rooms or Greek suites, members will be required to wear masks covering their nose and mouth for the duration of that interaction, even if masks are not normally required in private rooms.

Masks inside private rooms are strongly encouraged. At the beginning of the year, roommates and suitemates should work collaboratively to decide if guests entering their housing assignment will be required to wear a mask. Remember, all roommates/suitemates must consent to a guest's presence in the room; every Franklin College student is empowered to ask a guest to exit their housing assignment if that guest is not wearing a mask. Masks are required in Greek suites at all times.

Mask use will be respectfully but consistently enforced by campus officials. While campus officials endeavor to be educational, a student may be referred to the college's conduct/judicial system for noncompliance.

Guest Policy in Fraternity Houses and Greek Suites

The only guests permitted inside fraternity houses and Greek suites are members of that specific organization and house corporation representatives and designees.

Maximum Occupancy in Private Rooms

All fraternity house private rooms are limited to two residents per room. A private room in a fraternity house's maximum guest occupancy is twice the number of residents. For example, IF a private room has one assigned resident, there may be two persons inside that room. If a private room has two assigned residents, there may be four persons inside that room.

Social Distancing in Shared Spaces and Greek Suites

Every lounge and common space within fraternity houses and Greek suites must have maximum occupancy signage. If exceeded, college officials will request that residents leave the space until the crowd size has been appropriately reduced. If the crowd will not voluntarily reduce in size, college officials will disperse all persons in the shared space.

Exercise standard social distancing measures, maintaining at least 6 feet between yourself and another person, whenever possible. Ideal behaviors include:

- When entering a community bathroom that is occupied, choose a stall or sink farthest away from your peers in the bathroom.
- Where possible, wait on your peers to exit the stairwell before ascending or descending the stairs.
- When studying in a lounge or Greek suite, choose a table or chair farther away from your peers.
- When choosing a washer, identify a washer that is farther away from other washers in use. When walking to a small laundry room, wait to enter while your neighbor grabs their clothes.

Interactions with Other College Employees and Contractors

House corporations must communicate with the Center for Student Involvement and current fraternity house residents whenever off-campus contractors will be working in the fraternity houses. Masks must be worn by both residents and contractors during any of these interactions. Fraternity house residents should aid these contractors by affording them social distance. The Franklin College Physical Facilities will continue routine maintenance of Greek suites. Please aid these staff members by affording them social distance and wearing masks in shared spaces.