

FAQ Regarding COVID-19

FALL 2021

Below are frequently asked questions as they relate to Alpha Chi Omega's response to COVID-19 for fall 2021.

WHAT DO WE DO IF A LIVE-IN MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

The positive member should alert the chapter president and chapter advisor. If a member tests positive during recruitment, she should also notify the VP recruitment and VP recruitment information. Regardless of vaccination status, a member who tests positive should begin isolation.

Should the member experience symptoms, vaccinated or unvaccinated, the member is encouraged to seek medical assistance immediately through the college/university health services center or a local health care provider. The member should relocate to a secondary location whenever possible – primary residence, college/university space, etc. The member should limit her exposure to others as much as possible, continue to social distance and wear a mask when outside of her personal sleeping room.

DO MEMBERS NEED TO WEAR MASKS IN THE FACILITY?

All members and guests, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear face coverings in the chapter facility and at indoor chapter events. This includes pre-recruitment, recruitment and Bid Day events.

CAN WE REQUIRE ALL THE SISTERS IN THE DOOR STACK TO BE VACCINATED?

The best recommendation would be to not have door stacks this year for recruitment. If your campus is still doing a door stack, you can ask for volunteers who are fully vaccinated to serve in that role. Members are not required to be vaccinated and chapters should not be collecting vaccination information from chapter members or creating their own guidelines regarding vaccinations. If you or your members are not comfortable participating in a door stack, you should discuss with your Panhellenic alternative options.

CAN NONMEMBERS COME TO THE HOUSE DURING COVID-19?

Chapters should continue limited access to common areas for non-residents. Should the chapter determine that guests/visitors are allowed in sleeping/day rooms per the chapter bylaws' visitor hours, all roommates should be consulted prior to guests entering.

Any non-resident who enters the facility should continue to sign in and out at a designated area near the entrance as well as wear a face covering. Guests/Vendors should not enter the facility if they are feeling ill, are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive.

WHAT DO I DO IF I DON'T WANT TO BE AT CHAPTER EVENTS BECAUSE I AM NOT VACCINATED?

You should notify your chapter president and VP chapter relations and standards to talk through participation and comfort levels. This same consideration should be given to members who are vaccinated but may not feel comfortable participating in large group events.

CAN THE CHAPTER MAKE ITS OWN COVID-19 RULES?

All chapters should be following Alpha Chi Omega headquarters policies and guidelines and campus/local/state guidelines; in a case where guidelines conflict, Alpha Chi Omega recommends following the more stringent. Chapters should not be collecting vaccination information from chapter members or creating with own guidelines regarding COVID-19. Alpha Chi Omega asks that our members respect each individual's decisions regarding vaccinations.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE HAVE AN ALL-HOUSE QUARANTINE DURING RECRUITMENT?

Discuss with your Panhellenic what number of positive cases constitutes an all-house quarantine. Alpha Chi Omega does not define a number. This will come from your local health department and/or college/university. You should also discuss with your Panhellenic what happens if one house goes under an all-house quarantine. Our recommendation is that if one house is under an all-house quarantine, the entire recruitment process goes virtual.

DO WE HAVE TO REQUIRE PNMS TO WEAR A MASK DURING RECRUITMENT?

All guests, including potential new members, should wear face coverings.

The chapter should communicate this requirement to the Panhellenic Council so that the PNMs can be given prior notice. The chapter should have disposable masks available at

the door if needed, and a container for PNMs should be available at the conclusion of the event for disposing masks that do not belong to them.

WHAT IF MEMBERS ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH PEOPLE IN THEIR BEDROOMS DURING RECRUITMENT?

Any resident can decline to have her bedroom shown on a house tour. Our best recommendation is that house tours are done virtually so that resident bedrooms are not being utilized. If house tours are occurring, consider staging any unoccupied bedrooms and showing as few rooms as possible.