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STATEMENT ON COVID-19 FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCILS

Sisters and Brothers,

Following the latest guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control, we wanted to ensure you had answers to any concerns you might have regarding your health leading into convention season. COVID-19, or Coronavirus, is making headlines, and the flu and other seasonal colds are infecting countless others. Your health and safety are important and so we wanted to share some tips and answer questions about what happens in the event of a medical alert or emergency related to these types of infections.

STAYING HEALTHY

- If you are sick, you should stay home and take care of yourself. You should also follow medical guidance, and you can inform another Sister or Brother that you are ill so they can help you get any homework or inform others of your absence. You should not try to travel or participate in chapter events and meetings if you are ill, especially if you have a fever, because you risk making yourself worse and/or infecting others.
- You should wash your hands often with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds) or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol to cleanse your hands. You should also follow proper etiquette for coughing/sneezing (http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/etiquette/coughing_sneezing.html) and keeping your hands clean (<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>), encouraging others to do the same.
- You should keep up on sleep, eat healthy, and drink plenty of water.
- You should pay attention to public health alerts and your campus health center's guidance on other steps you can take to stay healthy and keep others healthy too.

IN THE EVENT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY OR ALERT

- Both Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma are monitoring the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control about any possible health advisories or travel notices.
- If health officials declare an alert, our organizations will follow their guidance, and all Sisters and Brothers should do the same.
- We will notify members as soon as we can if a Fraternity or Sorority event at the district or national level is postponed or cancelled based on the guidance of the local, state, and national health officials or by a site hosting our event.

Ultimately, if you have specific health-related questions, you should reach out to your primary care physician or other licensed healthcare professional. Here's to a healthy and safe convention season.