



Dear Kappa Epsilon Sisters and Brothers,

As healthcare professionals ourselves, Grand Council wanted to reach out to you regarding the COVID-19 virus and its effect on our membership and campuses. In the past several days, several universities have elected to close campuses for on-site class room work and many of our employers have instituted policies in regards to travel and meeting in groups. We want to respect each other as Kappa Epsilon members as well as our patient populations. Therefore, we'd like to share the following guidance in regards to activities within Kappa Epsilon.

- **Collegiate chapters are to follow any University and/or College of Pharmacy instruction pertaining to meeting and event attendance.** During this time, no penalties should be imposed on members for choosing to not participate in chapter meetings or group activities.
- Kappa Epsilon will relax deadlines and obligations to the national fraternity for its collegiate and alumni members between now and the end of March. This will be subject to change, if necessary.
- At the time of publishing this notice, **APhA** is still scheduled to hold its conference March 20-23, 2020. At this time, KE will host its KE/Merck VanGuard Reception on Saturday March 21 at the Gaylord. **This will be subject to change if necessary.**
- The planned "**100 Acts of Service Week**" scheduled for March 28 - April 4, 2020 is no longer required. If you choose to still participate, members are encouraged to be innovative to discover ways to serve our campuses and communities in ways that do not involve group settings. Please remember to post on social media if you do!
- We are actively working on communicating with regions that have **Regional Retreats** planned in the next four to six weeks. It may be preferred to move these to telecommunications. The KE office will work to provide online hosting services, if not available from your universities. More guidance will be coming for those affected.
- The KE Executive Office remains open, at this time, for member concerns and questions. If you have specific chapter management concerns, you can always reach out to our Executive Director, Cayla Marconi, or your Grand Council Connection. Please allow for extra time for their response.
- Several members of Grand Council work for large health organizations and may be called to work or lead beyond their usual work responsibilities. There is a contingency plan in place for temporary transfer of KE leadership should the situation call for it.
- The fraternity will continue to monitor the situation on our campuses and across the country. We will provide additional information and instructions as the situation unfolds. Expect another update close to the beginning of April.

As always, Kappa Epsilon wants to support our members in the health care community. We look forward to resuming our campus and community efforts very soon!

In the Bond,
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