



Fraternity and Sorority Life

Frequently Asked Questions for Fraternities and Sororities

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This document is an ongoing and evolving resource for fraternity and sorority chapter members, advisors, regional representatives, headquarters staff, and family about Fraternity and Sorority Life programs for the fall semester.

Is Fraternity and Sorority Life still holding meetings and events?

Yes, all meeting and events will be held virtually this semester. Council meetings, All Presidents Meetings, and FSL-sponsored events will be held over Zoom or alternate virtual platforms. You can find the FSL's Fall 2020 Calendar [here](#).

Can I have in-person one-on-ones with my Chapter Coach or Council Advisor if I am on campus?

No, all one-on-ones will remain virtual for the semester. The FSL staff is still mostly working remotely and, per the University's Return to Campus policy, meetings should continue virtually even if working on campus.

Why is the university random testing the Fraternity and Sorority Life community?

Random testing of UCF students for COVID-19 was designed to help the University determine how prevalent the virus is on our campus by detecting possible outbreaks. These tests are free for the randomly selected students. The Fraternity and Sorority Life community was chosen as the first student population due to multiple houses having to be put under quarantine. On Thursday, September 17th, a random sample of 100 students who live in on-campus fraternity or sorority houses were notified to report from Monday, September 21st through Wednesday, September 23rd to Garage A for their test. Following these tests, the University will continue to test additional student populations.

What is the difference between Quarantine and Isolation?

In the event that you or someone you have had close contact with tests positive for COVID-19, you may hear from UCF Housing or Student Health Services about the need to take one of these measures:

Building-based quarantine: Residents may be asked to quarantine in their building for several reasons, including if they have tested negative for COVID-19 but have a roommate who has tested positive. This means that while wearing a face covering and practicing physical distancing, they are allowed to leave their individual room to pick up food from the lobby or do laundry within their building, for example. But they must not leave the threshold of their building until cleared to leave by Student Health Services and Housing and Residence Life staff in writing (by email).

Isolation: Residents who test positive will be advised to return home or moved to an isolation room. These individuals are not allowed to leave their room (except for an emergency, like a fire evacuation). Necessary care services, including meal delivery, will be arranged. The student will remain in isolation until cleared to leave by Student Health Services and Housing and Residence Life staff in writing (by email).

It is extremely important that students have up-to-date phone information in their myUCF account, and that they answer their phone during either of these periods for official updates.

What is contact tracing? Why am I getting phone calls about it?

Contact tracing slows the spread of COVID-19. It helps protect you and your peers by letting people know they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should monitor their health for signs and [symptoms](#) of COVID-19; helping people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 get tested; and asking people to [self-isolate](#) if they have COVID-19 or [self-quarantine](#) if they are a close contact.

If you get a call from a contact tracer, you must answer their questions. The information you provide will be used solely for health and safety purposes and will not be shared with Student Conduct and Academic Integrity. If you have a voicemail from a contact tracer, you must call them back. If you feel more comfortable calling the [COVID-19 Line](#) instead, you may do that and tell them you are calling back for contact tracing.

What happens if I do not comply with contact tracing or other COVID-19 UCF policies?

Noncompliance may result in action by Student Conduct and Academic Integrity. To avoid this, please be sure you and your members understand all the [UCF COVID-19 policies](#) and are participating in contact tracing when asked to do so.

What steps does my organization need to take before we can be considered for hosting in-person events?

Before any RSO can be approved to host in-person events, they must complete the following two requirements. When both have been completed and approved, OSI will notify FSL.

RSO COVID-19 Safety Plan: Each RSO will be required to submit an RSO COVID-19 Safety Plan. This form will request information regarding events, recruitment, and meetings as it relates to the Fall semester. This form is required if you would like to host in-person events this semester and can be found on KnightConnect. This is a one-time form for each RSO.

COVID-19 Program Planning WebCourse: All RSO authorized officers will be required to sign-up for and complete the COVID-19 Program Planning WebCourse. This course will contain important information regarding programming in the current academic year. This course will have information related to setting up events and RSVPs, university updates and information related to COVID-19, and a variety of other helpful information and resources. This course will be required for all organizations prior to being able reserve room or spaces and host events on campus. Your authorized officers can self-enroll [here](#).

Can we have New Member Education in-person?

New Member Education in-person programs will be approved on a case-by case basis. Chapters must submit their [New Member Plan](#) and meet with their FSL Chapter Coach to review the plans. You will discuss the virtual and in-person events and your Chapter Coach will provide feedback. If they approve your plan to include in-person events, you will need to follow the same event planning guidelines as required for all in-person events and meetings. For more information about planning in-person events, visit the [Event Planning page](#) of the FSL website.

Can I have food at my in-person event?

Food is only permitted at outdoor events. Food and beverage for outdoor events must be proposed through the SAFE Form process, regardless of planned size of the event. If food and beverage is approved, commercially pre-packaged boxes or bags should be provided for each attendee. Grab-and-go options for meals should be provided and any food service items (e.g., utensils, dishes) should be disposable. For more detail on food and beverage at events, please review the [Event Planning and COVID-19 Considerations](#) policy.

When do I need a SAFE Form?

SAFE Forms are required for on campus events with an estimated attendance of 51-100 people. They are also required for events with food and beverage, regardless of planned size of the event. You may find more information about SAFE Forms [here](#).

Is the RSVP function on KnightConnect required for all events?

Yes, you must use the RSVP in KnightConnect for all in-person events. In the RSVPs, each event will be required to have the three questions and acknowledgements: the assumption of risk, face covering requirement, and social distancing policy. For more information about how to set up an RSVP in KnightConnect, you may complete OSI's [COVID-19 Program Planning Webcourse](#), FSL's Event Training in WebCourses, and/or review FSL's [How to Set Up a KnightConnect RSVP](#) guide.

Is the Fraternity and Sorority Life office open during this time?

Yes! The Fraternity and Sorority Life office is open and ready for you to visit! But the process for this is going to look a bit different for now.

To use the Multipurpose Room or a desk in the shared workspace, you must have a reservation. For more detail about making a reservation and policies you must follow at OFSL, click [here](#).

Walk-ins are welcome to come in to pick up mail and packages. Face coverings are required and social distancing is enforced.

What if I need my organization email account password reset?

FSL staff is still here to help! You may call the office and leave a message for a call back or you may email Mrs. PK (Phyllis.Kornegay@ucf.edu) and she will assist with your password reset.

Where can I find the University policies for Return to Campus and COVID-19?

UCF's Emergency Policy COVID-19 Return to Campus policies can be found [here](#). These include the *COVID Return Policy* and the *Event Planning and COVID-19 Considerations*.

How can I learn more about UCF's on-campus operations during COVID-19?

Please visit the [Student Experience page](#) of UCF's COVID-19 website for everything you need to know about campus for the Fall 2020 semester.