

March 16, 2020

Dear Fraternity & Sorority Leaders,

As you all know, EMU has been working to adjust operations in the best interest of the health and well-being of our campus community, as we all grapple with the impact of COVID-19 across the United States. As new information becomes available from the [CDC](#) and the [State of Michigan](#) we are adjusting as quickly as possible. One of the key actions that all of us can take right now is to observe the guidance on social distancing. Over the weekend, it came to our attention that some members of our community are not recognizing those guidelines (i.e. hosting large house parties). I know that social gatherings may be tempting in the wake of campus wide event cancellations and increased time on your hands. This is a time where we need your leadership. I am asking you to help us inform students about the need for social distancing, in light of the fact that Governor Whitmer's executive order bans public gatherings and this ban comes with the potential consequence of misdemeanors for those who ignore it.

Additionally, effective immediately and until further notice, I am implementing a party/social ban for all fraternities and sororities. This is not only for your own safety and well-being, but for the entire community. I had hoped that the community would be able to self regulate, but the weekend reports indicated otherwise. Chapters found to be in violation will be placed on indefinite social probation.

I know that many of you have already grasped the seriousness of this situation and are acting accordingly. Please know that your efforts to act responsibly are appreciated! Please continue to encourage your brothers and sisters to make healthy choices. This is a unique situation, and I am asking everyone to think beyond the moment and in the best interest of community health. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,
Lucas Langdon

PS: For official EMU updates related to COVID19,
visit: <https://www.emich.edu/uhs/coronavirus/>