INTRODUCTION
The Department of Greek Life has been working diligently throughout the spring and summer in collaboration with the rest of the University to prepare for Fall 2020. We know this upcoming semester and year will be unlike any other in history. Our staff has also been in communication with our counterparts at other UNC institutions, other universities across the nation, and with representatives of national and international organizations. This document is designed to provide both specific requirements for the Fall term as well as our best recommendations for chapters to follow. Information contained herein reflects the University’s overall plan posted online at https://returnofpiratenation.ecu.edu/ Guidelines around PPE, events, and activities are based on these and are the same for fraternities and sororities as they are for any student organizations.

Please note that the University has adopted a new academic calendar for 2020-21 that includes an earlier start on August 10th with no Fall Break and the semester ending on Wednesday, November 25th. This calendar also includes two 8-week sessions with final exam dates for both sessions. https://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/calendar/Fall_2020_FINAL.pdf

NOTE: ANY ORGANIZATION THAT HOLDS AN EVENT OUTSIDE THESE GUIDELINES MAY BE REPORTED TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESPECTIVE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

OVERALL GUIDELINES

• Effective July 1st, anyone on ECU’s campus must wear a face covering. That includes students, faculty, staff, and all visitors

• In-person gatherings must be limited to the size and scope mandated by the State of North Carolina and outlined on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 website https://www.nc.gov/covid19
  o As of August 7th, the Governor has extended the Phase 2 Safer at Home through September 11th
  o That restricts in-person gatherings to 10 indoors and 25 outdoors
  o ANY in-person meetings or events must adhere to the current State of North Carolina restrictions on the total number in attendance

• The University is strongly recommending that all student organizations operate virtually during the month of August for the purposes of all activities, including but not limited to, group meetings, programs, events, and recruitment

• Room capacities have been reduced on campus to allow for social distancing. All student organizations registered via ENGAGE are permitted to reserve spaces through the Central Reservations Office https://cro.ecu.edu/, under the new room capacities.
RECRUITMENT, INTAKE, NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

- All recruitment, intake, and new member education activities must adhere to the most current State of North Carolina requirements on gathering sizes.

- Any activities that would have more persons in attendance beyond the State of NC guidelines must be virtual, including but not limited to recruitment, intake meetings, informational sessions, new member presentations, new member ceremonies, and initiations.

- Each council (IFC, MGC, NPHC, and Panhellenic) will make operational plans for traditional Fall events such as Meet the Greeks, Cultural Invitational, Panhellenic Recruitment, and IFC Recruitment that fit within State and University guidelines.

- All chapters must submit their Recruitment, Intake and New Member Education online paperwork via ENGAGE by August 26, 2020. Chapters may not move ahead with any recruitment, intake, or new member education without prior approval.

- The Greek Life department will host three virtual information sessions on submitting recruitment, intake, and new member education forms and every chapter wishing to conduct these activities must have an appropriate officer attend at least one training session. Specific dates/times/information will be sent to chapter presidents.

- Chapters must complete all planned recruitment/intake/new member education activities by Sunday, November 8th. This includes formal initiation ceremonies.

- Chapters may not hold recruitment/intake/new member education events on September 28 and 29 which are final exams for the first 8-week session.

- Ritual ceremonies like initiation or new member ceremonies should follow the same guidelines on number of persons, facial coverings, and social distancing. The Department of Greek Life will work directly with chapters/regional/national offices on these events.

CHAPTER EVENTS

- Facial coverings are required on campus and strongly recommended at all chapter events held off-campus.

- Social distancing will be required on campus and strongly recommended at all chapter events held off-campus.

- All Chapter events (meetings, social events, programs, etc.) must comply with the current State of North Carolina attendance limits on events.

- Events should be invitation-only so that there are no lines at events. Chapters may use the Ticket Office, Engage, or other on-line apps or guest lists to manage these appropriately.
• Chapters are expected to adhere to event guidelines provided by their inter/national organization.

CHAPTER HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS
• Chapters that operate houses should adhere to the State of North Carolina guidelines regarding events and attendance.
• Chapters that house more than 10 should take appropriate steps to reduce density, increase cleaning and sanitation efforts, and manage the number of non-resident visitors who enter the house
  o For example, a Chapter with 20 residents should consider allowing only residents and chapter officers to enter the facility.
  o Chapters should have a regular schedule for sanitizing high-touch surfaces like doors, railings, sinks, toilets, tables, and chairs.
  o Chapter houses should maintain a ready supply of cleaning and sanitizing supplies so residents can assist with regular sanitizing.

• More resources can be found at these sites:
  o https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/resources/resources-sororities-fraternities/
  o https://www.cslmanagement.com/beyond-covid-19