

# **COVID-19 FAQS, TOPICS, AND GOOD IDEAS**

**COVID-19 FAQ** 

# How does COVID-19 spread?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html

# How can I protect myself and others?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html

# What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

# What if someone shows symptoms?

CDC has a self-checker which is a guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care. <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html</a>

# What if I am sick or caring for someone who is sick?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html

#### When can I be around others after I have had or likely had COVID-19?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html

#### Who are the people who should take extra precautions?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html

#### **FACILITY FAQ**

# What is the guidance on living in shared housing?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/shared-housing/index.html

#### How do I create a plan for my facility?

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/05/Whats-The-Plan-1.pdf

#### What if a member tests positive and lives in the facility?

A protocol should be established by the group/entity that owns the decision (e.g. Housing Corporation, National organization, etc.). The CDC recommends that someone who tests positive should stay home and self-isolate from other people and pets. This is known as home isolation and members should remain in a "sick room" and use a separate bathroom.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html



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# Can I require a member to move out of the facility if he/she tests positive?

No. Please review our document on the Fair Housing Act. <a href="https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/05/Fair-Housing-Act-Resource.pdf">https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/05/Fair-Housing-Act-Resource.pdf</a>

## How do I clean the facility if someone tests positive?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html

# If the university requests that I provide the names of the individuals that have tested positive, what is Holmes Murphy guidance?

We believe the right thing is to pass the request to the member and he/she can self-report. <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-hipaa-and-first-responders-508.pdf">https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-hipaa-and-first-responders-508.pdf</a>

#### What are effective ways to communicate the plan?

Holmes Murphy has adapted an American College Health Association resource that provides effective communication strategies.

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/06/Considerations-from-ACHA-for-Reopening-in-the-COVID-19-Era-May2020.pdf

#### **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION FAQ**

# What is the guidance on cleaning and disinfecting?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/pdf/Reopening America Guidance.pdf https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/cleaning-disinfecting-decision-tool.html

# Which products kill COVID-19 according to the List N?

https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19

# What questions should I ask a decontamination company?

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/04/HMFP-Facility-FAQ.pdf

# Where can I get supplies?

Order in bulk. Order early. If you cannot find supplies, send a list of what is needed and ask for members in the chapter to shop in their cities and reimburse. Holmes Murphy also encourages you to send a checklist for members in the house to bring upon return (e.g. Tylenol, masks, cleaning supplies for room, hand sanitizer).

# Can members clean?

Yes. But there needs to be a cleaning protocol/checklist and an officer or volunteer ensuring this is done in a systematic manner. Every facility is different so every plan will look different.

# Is there an online certification program to learn more about cleaning the facility?

This course teaches cleaning professionals to prepare for, respond to, and recover from biohazards in the workplace. Participants will learn infection and contamination control measures for infectious disease outbreak situations such as the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).

https://online.issa.com/issassa/ecssashop.show\_product\_detail?p\_mode=detail&p\_product\_serno=1515





#### **HOSTING EVENTS FAQ**

# How can we host events safely?

Holmes Murphy has adapted a CDC resource that is perfect for sharing with fraternity and sorority leaders addressing things to consider when hosting events.

 $\frac{https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/06/Considerations-for-Hosting-Events-FINAL.pdf$ 

#### Does Holmes Murphy have waivers?

Yes, a Participant Waiver and a Housing Amendment waiver are available on our website. Please have an attorney in your state review.

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/resources/resources-sororities-fraternities/

#### **TOPICS**

# Cleaning and Disinfecting:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/cleaning-disinfecting-decision-tool.html

#### CDC Self-Checker:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html

# Cloth coverings:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html

#### **Contact Tracing:**

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Contact-Tracing

#### **Contracts:**

 $\frac{https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/03/COVID-19-Impact-on-Contracts-FINAL.pdf$ 

#### **EPA-N List:**

https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19

#### Gloves:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/gloves.html

#### Facility FAQ:

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/04/HMFP-Facility-FAQ.pdf

#### Fair Housing Act:

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/05/Fair-Housing-Act-Resource.pdf

#### Force Majeure:

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/04/Force-Majeure-Resource.pdf





# Handwashing:

https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html

#### **Print Resources:**

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc

#### **Social Distancing:**

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html

#### Waivers:

The following waivers are available on the Holmes Murphy COVID-19 webpage. Housing Agreement Amendment Participant Release for COVID-19

#### Water:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Water

#### **GOOD IDEAS**

- ✓ Communicate the plan and expectations in writing and over a webinar before members return.
- ✓ Create a pledge or agreement that members commit to. Post it. Discuss it. Reinforce the expectations.
- ✓ Designate an officer to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All members should know who this person is and how to contact them.
- ✓ Engage your members who are public health majors to assist volunteers and officers.
- ✓ Create signage to help reinforce expectations (wash hands, wear mask in the facility, etc.).
- ✓ Order enough supplies for the facility early in advance.
- ✓ Provide members with a checklist of what they need to bring if they are moving into the facility (e.g. thermometer, Lysol, Clorox, etc.)

Questions: Contact Dr. Lori Hart at <a href="mailto:lhart@holmesmurphy.com">lhart@holmesmurphy.com</a>

HMFP COVID-19 resources, webinars and external resources are listed here:

https://www.holmesmurphy.com/fraternal/resources/resources-sororities-fraternities/

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