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Interfraternity Council (IFC) Presidents' Council Extends Social Moratorium

[East Lansing, Mich.] Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, our communities have had to adapt and persevere through challenges none of us could have imagined. We had to make and will continue to make thoughtful decisions for the betterment and the future of our organizations. As we look forward to the start of the Spring 2021 semester, we know we will have to manage the continued challenges of the pandemic. Although vaccines are beginning their distribution, it will still be a long time before we, as fraternity men, see the benefit of this. We do see the light at the end of the tunnel and are ready to do what we must, for ourselves and our community, until we reach that light.

We understand that COVID-19 spreads through group gatherings and social events. By continuing to operate in the same way as before the pandemic, we would be posing substantial risks to ourselves, faculty, staff, and other members of the East Lansing community. We have a responsibility to the community to be proactive in this situation and continue the necessary precautions to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as we await the vaccine.

The main precaution we are taking is the cancellation of Type I, II, and IV Social Events, as defined by the IFC/PC joint social policy. As defined by the IFC Constitution, a vote to alter IFC social policy bylaws needed to take place.

The IFC Presidents' Councils, consisting of all Chapter Presidents from the 28 IFC chapters, have voted and unanimously approved a moratorium on these Social Events for the entirety of the Spring 2021 semester. The Interfraternity Council Executive Board fully supports recommendations made by Michigan State to suspend these events.

If we are to return to in-person experiences, it is imperative that we all do our part. We truly appreciate our chapters' compliance, as it will take our entire community's cooperation to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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If you have any questions, please email Joseph Guzzo, IFC Vice President for Communications, at ifcvpcommunications@greeklife.msu.edu