

# Zeta Beta Tau

*A Brotherhood of Kappa Nu, Phi Alpha, Phi Epsilon Pi, Phi Sigma Delta, Zeta Beta Tau*

The Fraternity is continuing to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our campus communities, and the impacts on our colleges and universities. This includes canceling in-person classes, limiting gatherings and other steps which alter operations.

Zeta Beta Tau is committed to supporting our brothers as they work to adapt. Below you will find recommendations, resources and information regarding key chapter operations,

## **Leaving Campus:**

- U-Haul is offering 30 days of free storage to college students displaced by coronavirus, subject to availability. [Learn more.](#)
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car has waived their younger renter fee and lowered the age that you can rent to 18. [Learn more.](#)
- Dorm Room Movers is offering free pickup for students who must vacate their campus. [Learn more.](#)
- The U.S. Department of Education is offering information and resources regarding Federal Financial Aid. [Learn More.](#)
- If you are in need of temporary housing, there are many companies that specialize in short term housing. [Learn more.](#)

## **Emergency Assistance:**

- The Hope Center has outlined resources for emergency support. [Learn more.](#)

## **Navigating Online Learning:**

- Comcast is offering their "Internet Essentials" package for free. [Learn more.](#)

## **Navigating Online Chapter Operations:**

- Google is offering a premium version of their workplace video tool available for free until July. [Learn more.](#)
- Zoom has a free version of their product available. There are some limitations (40 minute max meeting time and 100 people max). [Learn more.](#)
- Many colleges and universities offer free student accounts for video conferencing. Check in with your FSA to see if your school offers this.

## **Mental Health Resources:**

- It is important to take care of your mental health as well as your physical health [Learn more.](#)
- Anxiety and Depression Association of America Psychologist Jelena Kecmanovic provides some science-based strategies and tips for coping with COVID-19 anxiety. [Learn more.](#)
- Dennis Gillan, a Mental Health Advocate and Speaker, has put together a great resource. [Learn more.](#)

## **Social Isolation Activities:**

- There are many museums offering virtual tours and online learning courses. [Learn more.](#)
- You can do a virtual escape room. [Learn more.](#)
- Virtual game night with your friends. [Learn more.](#)

The following communication was shared with all brothers on March 11, 2020.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY OF BROTHERS**

- The health and safety of our brothers is most important. Please take all recommendations and guidance from your institution and your city, state, or other local entity seriously.
- The following links provide great information.
  - Recognizing the [symptoms of Coronavirus disease](#)
  - [How to respond](#) if you or someone you know displays the symptoms of Coronavirus
  - [How it spreads](#)
  - [Share the Facts, Stop Fear](#)

### **CHAPTER SUPPORT**

- We will move chapter visits to online meetings for institutions that have cancelled in person classes and events. For institutions that have not, we will be assessing these on a case by case basis.
- Remote meetings and coaching are available to you and your chapter leaders at any time. Your staff liaison can host video and phone meetings with your chapter officers and advisors. We also have software available for you to use on a chapter level as well.
- Staff liaisons are also able to assist with thinking through operations, event contracts, housing concerns, and chapter business.

### **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

- Follow the recommendations made by your institution concerning gatherings for all registered student organizations or events.
- Monitor any city restrictions your city may have as well.
- If your school recommends canceling all in-person meetings/gatherings, please reach out to your staff liaison to discuss running remote meetings or gaining access to our remote video conference software. We also recommend [reading this article that highlights the best way to engage remote meetings](#).
- To prepare, start thinking about what business you may need to conduct between now and the end of the semester or quarter. Business items which require a vote will be the most important items for which to plan alternative meeting options.

### **ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEERS**

- Check in with the chapter to see what guidance or restrictions the institution has put in place. Engage with the chapter executive board to see what plans they have in place for the remainder of the semester or quarter. For example, could any brotherhood, social, or service events need to be rescheduled? Are there any contracts the chapter has signed that may need to be reviewed or cancelled? Do brothers have a place to go if housing is closed?
- Identify any questions, concerns or resources they have and let Headquarters know how we can help.

### **HOUSING**

- If you maintain housing, contact your local institution to learn about policies and procedures that might affect access, resources, and support.
- Check in with your city, state, or other local entity to see what guidance they are giving and what restrictions they may be putting in place.
- Begin to develop a plan, should the institution move to online learning, to ensure your living space and brothers are safe, secure, and adequately accommodated. Please note- every institution is handling this differently, so make sure you understand what the housing impact may be.

- In the case that a brother residing in your housing facility is feeling ill and/or is diagnosed with COVID-19, follow the recommendations made by your educational institution immediately for next steps.
- We ask that all Trustees/ House Corporation Board officers communicate with the host institution to learn more about any precautionary measures or steps that should be taken.

### **SOCIAL/PHILANTHROPIC EVENTS**

- Please follow the recommendations made by your institution on social engagements, philanthropic events, fundraising events, and gatherings (including fraternity/sorority formals) for all registered student organizations.
- Please follow any recommendations made by your institution, city, state or local entity regarding gatherings. This will need to be done for any events you plan to host.
- Please gather any contracts you have for facilities, vendors, or event support and review the cancellation policies. Your Chapter Liaison and advisor can assist with this.
- If your school recommends canceling all formal meetings/gatherings, please reach out to Headquarters to discuss access to our remote video conference software.

### **RECRUITMENT EVENTS**

- We know some of you are still recruiting, please connect with David Rind, Director of Organizational Growth, as soon as possible to discuss plans. His email is [drind@zbtnational.org](mailto:drind@zbtnational.org).
- Please follow the recommendations made by your institution on events and gatherings for all registered student organizations. This includes any hometown recruitment events you may plan on hosting.