



COVID-19 Fraternity and Sorority Member Readiness to Return to Campus Survey

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INTRODUCTION

As college and universities plan responses to the continuing pandemic and hope to return to campus in some capacity as soon and as safely as possible, your input as a member of a fraternity and sorority member will be essential to help make decisions. The timing of a return may or may not have been made by your institution, so please keep in mind as you go through the survey that situations discussed may or may not be hypothetical. This survey should take about 10 minutes of your time, and you are free to stop at any point. Your answers are anonymous, and results will only be reported in aggregate and not connected to any individual or chapter.

There are four sections to this survey asking about your demographics and living situation, your opinions on COVID-19, how you imagine studying and living in the fall, thoughts about your fraternity/sorority chapter, and your well-being. Results will help guide your campus and organization, decision-makers.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

1. What is your gender?

- Male/man (1)
- Female/woman (2)
- Genderqueer/gender nonconforming (3)
- Trans male/trans man (4)
- Trans female/trans woman (5)
- Different identity (self-identify): (6) [\[Text Box\]](#)
- Prefer not to answer (999)

2. [\[Allow multiple selection\]](#) Describe your race/ethnicity. Please select all that apply.

- White/Caucasian (1)
- Black/African American (2)
- Native American or Alaska Native (3)
- Asian or Asian American (4)
- Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
- Hispanic or Latinx (6)
- Middle Eastern/North African (7)
- A race/ethnicity not listed here (please specify) (8) [\[Text Box\]](#)
- Prefer not to answer [\[Make selection exclusive\]](#) (999)

3. What is your class standing?

- First-year (1)
- Sophomore (2)
- Junior (3)
- Senior (4)
- Graduate or professional student (5)
- Prefer not to answer (999)

4. Are you typically enrolled full-time or part-time?

- Full-time
- Part-time

5. Are you an out-of-state student?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)

6. [Display if Option 1 is selected in Q5] Are you an international student?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)

7. Do you have a disability? Select all that apply.

- I do not have any disabilities. (1)
- I have a learning disability. (2)
- I have a physical disability. (3)
- I have a psychological disability. (4)
- Don't know (888)
- Prefer not to answer (999)

8. [Display if Q7 = 2, 3, or 4] Are you currently receiving accommodations for your disability?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)
- Don't know (888)

9. Do you currently serve, or have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces or another country's armed forces?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)
- Prefer not to answer (999)

10. Which best describes your membership status in your fraternity or sorority? [forced response, Select all that apply]

- Newer member joined in the fall 2019 (1)
- Newer member joined most recent semester (2)
- General member (3)
- Executive board member (4)
- Inactive/Alumni member (5)

11. Has your college/university announced plans for Fall 2020 regarding returning to campus?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)
- Don't know (888)

12. [Display if Q11 = 1] Which best describes your college/university plans to return to campus in Fall 2020?

- All in person instruction as usual (1)
- A mixture of in person and remote instruction (2)
- No physical return to campus, all remote instruction (3)

13. [Display if Q11 = 1] How satisfied are you with your college/university decision regarding plans for Fall 2020?

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

14. [Display if Q12 = 3] You indicated your college/university is not having students return to campus. Are you still planning to return to the town/city of your college?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)
- Unsure (2)

15. [Display if Q12 = 3] Is your fraternity/sorority planning to hold events in person in the fall?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)
- Unsure (2)

16. Does your fraternity/sorority have an official or unofficial house on or near campus?

- Yes, an official house (1)
- Yes, an unofficial house (2)
- Both an official and unofficial house (3)
- Neither an official or unofficial house (4)

17. [Do not display if Q12 = 3] For Fall 2020, if there is a return to on-campus instruction, which of the following best describes your planned living situation? [forced response]

- On-campus residence halls or apartments (1)
- Fraternity housing (2)
- Sorority housing (3)
- Off-campus housing (not with a family member) (4)
- Off-campus housing (with a family member) (5)
- Houseless (no permanent home) (6)
- Homeless (at least one night when you do not know where you are going to sleep) (7)

18. [Display if Option 6 or 7 is selected in Q17] You have indicated that you may be "houseless" or "homeless." Which of the following would best describe your situation?
- Living out of a car (1)
 - "Couch surfing" (constantly moving from one house to another without permanent residence) (2)
 - Staying in a homeless shelter (3)
 - Sleeping in an academic building (4)
 - Sleeping outside (e.g., a tent, on a bench, on the street) (5)
 - Sleeping in a religious building (e.g., church, mosque, temple) (6)
 - Other (please specify) (7) [Text Box]
19. [Display if Q16=1, 2 or 3] Has your organization decided on whether to open your fraternity or sorority housing facility?
- Yes, the facility will be open (1)
 - Yes, the facility will be closed (2)
 - No, there has not been a decision (3)
 - Unsure/don't know (4)
 - Not applicable, my organization does not have a housing facility (888)
20. [Display if Q19 = 1, 3, or 4] If your fraternity or sorority housing facility is open, do you plan on returning?
- Yes (1)
 - No (0)
 - Don't know (2)
21. [Display if Option 2, 3, or 4 is selected in Q17] How many people do you expect to be sharing a bedroom with?
- 0 (0)
 - 1 (1)
 - 2-3 (2)
 - 4 or more (3)
22. [Display if Option 2, 3, or 4 is selected in Q17] How many people do you expect to be sharing a bathroom with?
- 0 (0)
 - 1 (1)
 - 2-3 (2)
 - 4 or more (3)
23. [Display if Option 2, 3, or 4 is selected in Q17] How many people do you expect to be sharing a kitchen/food preparation space with?
- 0 (0)
 - 1 (1)
 - 2-3 (2)
 - 4 or more (3)

24. [Display if Q17=4] What best describes the type of housing you will be living in?

- Townhome or house
- Apartment in a small apartment building (50 or fewer residents)
- Apartment in a large apartment building (more than 50 residents)

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GENERAL PERCEPTIONS AND ATTITUDES ABOUT COVID-19

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements: [Matrix]

25. I am worried about the impact of COVID-19 on me personally.

26. I am worried about the impact of COVID-19 on my family/friends.

27. I am worried about the impact of COVID-19 on my chapter

28. I am worried about the impact of COVID-19 on my campus and the surrounding community.

29. I am worried about spreading COVID-19.

- Strongly disagree (1)
- Somewhat disagree (2)
- Somewhat agree (3)
- Strongly agree (4)

30. [Allow multiple selection] How have you been directly impacted by COVID-19? Please select all that apply.

- I have not been directly impacted by COVID-19 beyond limiting interaction and travel. [Make selection exclusive] (1)
- I work on the front line of the pandemic response. (2)
- Someone I know works on the front line of the pandemic response. (3)
- I have lost internship or work because of the pandemic. (4)
- Someone I know lost work because of the pandemic. (5)
- I or someone I know has been diagnosed with COVID-19. (6)
- Someone I know has passed away due to COVID-19. (7)

31. [Allow multiple selection] Which of the following lifestyle change(s) have you made in response to COVID-19? Please select all that apply.

- Washing hands more (1)
- Wearing a mask in public spaces (2)
- Avoiding in-person social gatherings beyond those I currently live with (3)
- Reducing the number of friends, I spend time with in-person (4)
- Stocking up on food and supplies (5)
- Avoiding or cancelling travel (domestic and/or international) (6)
- Avoiding routine health care appointments (7)

32. In a typical week, how many people (who you do *not* live with) do you currently interact with in-person and less than six feet apart?

- 0 (1)
- 1-5 (2)
- 6-10 (3)
- More than 10 (4)

Has your fraternity/sorority maintained programming during the COVID1-19 Pandemic by...

- 33. Holding general meetings online
- 34. Holding online social activities
- 35. Holding philanthropy programs online
- 36. Providing information about the chapter to prospective members
 - Yes (1)
 - No (0)
 - Don't know (3)

YOUR PLANS THIS FALL

37. What is your current plan for the Fall 2020 semester?"

- Continue my education at my college or university (on-campus or remote learning) (1)
- Continue my education at my college or university, but reduce the number of credits (2)
- Withdraw from your college or university (3)
- Request a leave of absence (4)
- Transfer to another college or university (5)
- Don't know/undecided (888)

38. [Display if Q37=3 or 5] Why did you decide to leave your institution for the Fall 2020 semester?
[open-ended]

We know you indicated you plan to withdraw or transfer from your campus, but please answer the rest of the survey thinking about if some of the scenarios may increase your likelihood of staying or how you would feel on campus if you did return.

39. How likely are you to come back to campus if your institution decides to return to on-campus instruction for the Fall 2020 semester?

- Very unlikely (1)
- Somewhat unlikely (2)
- Somewhat likely (3)
- Very likely (4)
- Unsure/don't know (888)

40. The COVID-19 outbreak will impact my ability to enroll or stay enrolled.

- Strongly disagree (1)
- Somewhat disagree (2)
- Somewhat agree (3)
- Strongly agree (4)

How would the following scenarios impact your decision to return to campus if there is a return to campus in the fall? [Matrix]

41. In-person instruction only

42. Remote instruction only

43. Mix of in-person and remote instruction (e.g., larger lectures offered online, smaller courses in-person)

- 44. Alternating days of in-person class attendance (e.g., half of the class attends remotely while the other half attends in-person one day then switching the next)
- 45. Expanded evening class schedules
- 46. Adding weekend classes
- 47. Reduction in number of elective course offerings (e.g., fewer courses available that are not required for gen ed or your major)
- 48. Advising is done strictly through virtual meetings (e.g., Zoom or phone).
 - Much less likely to return (1)
 - Less likely to return (2)
 - Neither more nor less likely to return (3)
 - More likely to return (4)
 - Much more likely to return (5)

How likely are you to practice the following measures in academic classrooms if we return to on-campus instruction for the Fall 2020 semester? [\[Matrix\]](#)

- 49. Wear a mask in classrooms
- 50. Maintain six feet of physical distance in classrooms
- 51. Have my temperature scanned when entering classrooms
- 52. Use hand sanitizers when entering classrooms
 - Very unlikely (1)
 - Somewhat unlikely (2)
 - Somewhat likely (3)
 - Very likely (4)

In general, how likely are you to practice the following measures in public spaces if we return to on-campus instruction for the Fall 2020 semester? [\[Matrix\]](#)

- 53. Wear a mask in public spaces
- 54. Wash my hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly (especially before and after being in public spaces)
- 55. Maintain six feet of physical distance in shared spaces
- 56. Spend time with my friends in smaller groups
- 57. Follow guidance on foot traffic patterns (similar to aisle directions in the grocery stores) to help with social distancing
- 58. Reduce or avoid travel during the semester
 - Very unlikely (1)
 - Somewhat unlikely (2)
 - Somewhat likely (3)
 - Very likely (4)

How concerned are you about each of the following for your chapter in the fall?

- 59. Ability to collect dues
- 60. Ability to host functions
- 61. Ability to attract new members
- 62. Ability to educate new members

63. Ability to keep members involved

- Not at all concerned (1)
- Somewhat concerned (2)
- Very concerned (3)

64. How do you imagine fraternity and sorority life changing if there is a return to in-person classes this fall? [open-ended]

65. What should be the chapter priorities this fall? (Select up to three.)

- recruitment
- philanthropy
- community service
- brother hood/sisterhood events
- socials/parties
- alumni events
- sponsoring educational events
- Other

66. [If Q10=4] What are your chapter's recruitment plans?

- Same as last fall – in person (1)
- Changed to meet social distancing guidelines but still in person (2)
- Online recruitment - no in person events (3)
- Don't know (888)

67. [If Q10=4] What are your expectations for your chapter's size in the fall?

- Smaller
- Same size
- Larger

68. [If Q10=4] How frequently is your chapter leadership in contact with your national office, chapter advisor, and/or national insurance carrier regarding resources to support your chapter's return to campus?

- No contact
- Monthly
- Weekly
- More than once per week

69. [If Q10=4] Are you aware of how resources from your national insurance provider regarding COVID-19?

- Yes
- No

70. [If Q10=4] How likely are you to follow the guidelines/considerations outlined by your national office and/or national insurance carrier regarding COVID-19 related safety measures?

- Very unlikely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Somewhat likely
- Very likely

71. [If Q10=4] Did you initiate your new members in the spring?

- Yes
- No

How likely are you to do the following if we return to on-campus instruction for the Fall 2020 semester? [Matrix]

72. Go to informal gatherings/parties

73. Go to chapter sponsored gatherings/parties

74. Go to philanthropy or community service events

75. Go to bars

76. Have close contact with friends other than roommates (e.g., handshakes, hugs)

77. Share drinks with others

- Very unlikely (1)
- Somewhat unlikely (2)
- Somewhat likely (3)
- Very likely (4)

How likely are you to participate in campus or student organization sponsored programs (e.g., concerts, speakers, meetings, and other events) if they are offered in the following formats? [Matrix]

78. Programs are offered virtually.

79. Programs are offered in-person in smaller groups (e.g., limiting the number of attendees).

80. Programs are offered in a hybrid format with online and in-person participation.

81. Programs are offered as usual (i.e., pre-COVID)

- Very unlikely (1)
- Somewhat unlikely (2)
- Somewhat likely (3)
- Very likely (4)

How much would the following scenarios impact your decision to return to campus? [Matrix]

82. No athletic events can be held.

83. Athletic events can be held but with limited or no spectators.

84. Athletic events can be held as usual without limitations on spectators.

- Much less likely to return (1)
- Less likely to return (2)
- Neither more nor less likely to return (3)
- More likely to return (4)
- Much more likely to return (5)

Returning to campus could involve the ongoing need for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing. Contact tracing involves answering calls and/or emails, identifying all individuals you have had contact with (if you are diagnosed with COVID-19), and isolating or self-quarantining for 14 days (without leaving your residence) in compliance with guidelines you would be given. How likely are you to participate in these health measures? [\[Matrix\]](#)

- 85. Undergo COVID-19 testing based on medical guidance and campus policies
- 86. Participate in contact tracing based on medical guidance and campus policies
- 87. Participate in isolation and quarantine measures based on medical guidance and campus policies
 - Very unlikely (1)
 - Somewhat unlikely (2)
 - Somewhat likely (3)
 - Very likely (4)

Fraternity/Sorority Houses Only

[Display 88-95 if Q17=2 or 3] How likely is your fraternity or sorority to do each of the following during the Fall 2020 semester? [\[Matrix\]](#)

- 88. Host parties limited in size
- 89. Host parties with house members only
- 90. Host parties with chapter members only
- 91. Host parties open to another chapter
- 92. Host parties as usual
- 93. Host philanthropy events open to other chapters
- 94. Host informal gatherings in your house
- 95. Hold chapter meetings in your house
 - Very unlikely (1)
 - Somewhat unlikely (2)
 - Somewhat likely (3)
 - Very likely (4)

YOUR LIVING SITUATION

Branch Block 96-107 [Display if Q17=1, 2, or 3]

How likely are you to practice the following measures within your living space if we return to on-campus instruction for the Fall 2020 semester? [Matrix]

- 96. Wear a mask in common areas of my residence
- 97. Wear a mask when outside of my individual room
- 98. Wash my hands with soap or use hand sanitizer regularly (especially before and after being in public spaces)
- 99. Socially distance in shared community spaces (maintain six feet of space between individuals)
- 100. Spend time with other residents in large groups
 - Very unlikely (1)
 - Somewhat unlikely (2)
 - Somewhat likely (3)
 - Very likely (4)
 - Not applicable (888)

How likely are you to return if you were assigned to the following types of housing for Fall 2020? [Matrix]

- 101. If I have a single room
- 102. If I have a double room
- 103. If I have a triple room
- 104. If I have a quad
- 105. If I have a suite
 - Much less likely to return (1)
 - Less likely to return (2)
 - Neither more nor less likely to return (3)
 - More likely to return (4)
 - Much more likely to return (5)
 - Not applicable (888)

How comfortable are you with the following arrangements for Fall 2020? [Matrix]

- 106. Shared bathrooms
- 107. Shared kitchens/dining space
 - Very uncomfortable (1)
 - Somewhat uncomfortable (2)
 - Somewhat comfortable (3)
 - Very comfortable (4)

CONCERNS ABOUT WELL-BEING

The following questions refer to concerns you may have if there is a return to campus for the Fall 2020 semester. Please think of these concerns in relation to COVID-19 and not more generally. For example, think about if COVID-19 has impacted your feelings of safety on campus.

108. [Allow multiple selection] What are your concerns about health/safety if returning to campus? Please select all that apply.

- Safety of myself (1)
- Safety of others (2)
- Being around people who are coming from COVID-19 “hot spots” (3)
- Being around large numbers of people/crowds (4)
- Sanitation of classrooms and other campus facilities (5)
- Other (please specify): (6) [\[Text Box\]](#)

109. [Allow multiple selection] What are your concerns about your overall educational opportunities and experiences if returning to campus? Please select all that apply.

- Ability to pay tuition and fees (1)
- Internet connectivity/technology (2)
- Format of academic instruction (on-campus, remote, or both) (3)
- Access to resources to complete my coursework/research projects (4)
- Internships (5)
- Student organization events/activities (6)
- Working out (7)
- Intramurals (8)
- Other (please specify): (9) [\[Text Box\]](#)

110. [Allow multiple selection] What are your concerns about your day-to-day needs if returning to campus? Please select all that apply.

- Access to health care (physical and mental health) (1)
- Access to food (2)
- Childcare (3)
- Housing (e.g., paying rent, bills) (4)
- Job opportunities (e.g., on-campus work study, off-campus part-time job) (5)
- Public transportation (6)
- Other (please specify): (7) [\[Text Box\]](#)

111. [Allow multiple selection] For the Fall 2020 semester, how do you expect to meet your college expenses? Please select all that apply.

- Self (e.g., job, savings, etc.) (1)
- Parents/guardians (2)
- Spouse or partner (3)
- Scholarships and grants (4)
- Loans (5)
- Other (please specify): (6) [\[Text Box\]](#)
- Don't know (888)

112. To what degree are you comfortable with your planned living situation for Fall 2020? [Matrix]

- Very uncomfortable (1)
- Somewhat uncomfortable (2)
- Somewhat comfortable (3)
- Very comfortable (4)

The following questions ask about your health and wellness since the COVID-19 pandemic. [Matrix]

113. How has your overall psychological well-being been affected?

114. How has your overall level of stress been affected because of basic needs insecurity (lack of food, housing, or clothing)?

115. How has your access to health care been affected?

116. How has your ability to pursue your studies been affected?

- Much worse (1)
- Worse (2)
- Same (3)
- Better (4)
- Much better (5)

The following questions ask about your finances since the COVID-19 pandemic. [Matrix]

117. How has your income changed?

118. How have your expenses changed?

- Decreased (1)
- Stayed the same (2)
- Increased (3)

119. Have financial changes made it more difficult to participate in your fraternity or sorority?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)

120. How likely are you to continue your chapter membership in the fall?

- Very unlikely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Somewhat likely
- Very likely

121. Have you personally experienced any violence or discrimination from others due to COVID-19 (e.g., based on race/ethnicity, gender, etc.)?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)

122. Have you witnessed any violence or discrimination towards others due to COVID-19 (e.g., based on race/ethnicity, gender, etc.)?

- Yes (1)
- No (0)

123. I feel safe in my current living situation.

- Strongly disagree (1)
- Somewhat disagree (2)
- Somewhat agree (3)
- Strongly agree (4)
- Prefer not to answer (999)

124. Will you feel less or more safe in your planned living arrangement for the fall than your current living situation?

- Much less safe (1)
- Somewhat less safe (2)
- Neither more nor less safe (3)
- Somewhat safer (4)
- Much safer (5)

125. [Allow multiple selection] Which of the following do you use to get information about your institution's response to COVID-19? Please select all that apply.

- Messages from the administration (e.g., Town Halls, emails) (1)
- Other faculty/staff (2)
- Other students (3)
- Parents/guardians (4)
- Other campus websites (5)
- Campus' social media accounts (6)
- Non-campus social media accounts (7)

COMPLETION PAGE

Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness to complete this survey. Your responses will help the college, university, and headquarter leadership make informed decisions about the potential return to campus. If you have any questions about the survey, please email the Piazza Center at piazzacenter@psu.edu.