Mines Housing Regulations for Fraternity & Sorority Houses  
For Mines-Owned and Privately Owned  
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I. **Behavior Expectations**  
A. Members are expected to exhibit behavior within the community that supports the health and wellness of all community members and to follow the Oredigger Promise. Behavior or any activity that violates the Student Code of Conduct and Oredigger Promise or disrupts, endangers, or interferes with the educational and residential environment of the fraternity or sorority house detracts from that mission. Chapter leadership and Mines have the discretion to determine what constitutes inappropriate behavior.

B. Personal hygiene and cleanliness are very important in a close community environment to reduce the spread of infectious diseases. Residents are responsible for maintaining good personal hygiene practices (i.e., regular hand washing, showering) and keeping their room clean. Residents will also be responsible for bringing their own cleaning tools and supplies for their rooms.

C. To reduce community spread of infectious diseases, residents are required to wear a face-covering when outside the bedrooms of the house. The face-covering should be worn properly, completely cover the nose and face, and free from holes (i.e., cannot be seen through).
   1. Face-coverings should meet the minimum requirement of the [Mines Mask Policy](#).
   2. Face-coverings should be used a maximum of one day before cleaning.
   3. Residents who share a room should discuss and agree upon expectations of using or not using face-covering in these spaces.

II. **Capacities**  
A. **For Mines Owned Homes:** Fraternity and Sorority chapters will not be held accountable to maintain the required 90% capacity requirement for Fall 2020.

B. Fraternity and Sorority chapters are required to have at least one room designated for quarantine if a resident gets sick. If a quarantine room is not possible, a resident must use their current room assignment. Requests to be quarantined in a residence hall or hotel must be submitted through the Fraternity & Sorority Life Coordinator.

C. Common areas should be used on a rotation basis to allow for enough room to physical distance (more details below).

III. **Guests and Access**  
A. **For Mines Owned Homes:**
   1. Blaster Card access will be limited to the residents of the house only
   2. No outside guests allowed in the chapter facility
   3. Active member visitation may not start until **September 14, 2020**
      a) This date may be subject to change based on the impact of COVID-19 on our campus.
4. Active members of your organization that do not live in the chapter house should keep visitation to an absolute minimum and should only be in the home if the visit cannot be done virtually. Any in-person meetings at the house are encouraged to take place outside.

B. For Privately Owned Homes:
   1. Access to the Chapter Facilities by non-members shall be restricted to Significant others, Family members, as well as individual house's landlords / Alumni executive board, and chefs.
   2. The president of each Chapter must approve the guest’s access to the house before they are allowed to enter and must follow the guest log procedures stated below.
   3. Active members shall be allowed inside the chapter premises during mealtimes only the week of August 31 – September 4th 2020, provided they have a meal plan. Active members may fully visit starting September 7, 2020 provided all residents of the house have tested negative for COVID-19 and continue to be tested every 2 weeks.
   4. Outside guests will not be allowed to enter the chapter facilities until September 14, 2020 in order to first analyze the impact of COVID-19 on our campus.
      a) This date may be subject to change based on the impact of COVID-19 on our campus.
      b) The landlord(s) shall be allowed to enter the house at any time as needed to maintain the chapter facility.

C. If a resident tests positive for COVID-19 we will follow the guidance from Jefferson County in collaboration with the Mines CRIT team.

IV. Guest Log Procedures
   A. For non-resident members of your organization:
      1. To gain access to the house, non-resident members must belong to that organization and be considered an active member of the chapter
      2. Non-resident members are to contact the housing manager to ensure that a space is open prior to arriving at the house
      3. When arriving at the house:
         a) Check-in with the housing manager, president, risk officer, or another mandatory executive officer living in house
         b) Have temperature recorded by a contactless thermometer - if a fever is recorded to be over 100 degrees, they are not permitted inside
         c) Face-coverings must be worn at all times
         d) For Mines Owned Home: Access is limited to study rooms, dining rooms, and down stairs bathroom only
         e) Areas and materials are to be sanitized after use
      4. When leaving the house:
         a) Check-out with the officer you checked in with or the housing manager to ensure you properly cleaned and sanitized your space
5. Failure to follow these policies will revoke your access to chapter facilities

V. Meetings
   A. Chapters are encouraged to hold any face to face meetings (including any ritual or ceremonies) in the Student Center or Green Center under social distancing requirements
   B. Chapter meetings should be held virtually to limit the amount of members in the home
   C. Study nights should be held virtually to limit the amount of members in the home
   D. Should a large meeting be deemed necessary, all members should wear proper face coverings and leave seats empty between each other to ensure physical distancing

VI. Common Areas
   A. When using designated open common areas (i.e., hallways and lobbies) residents must maintain a minimum physical distance of 6 feet when possible (except individuals who share a room)
   B. Kitchen
      1. There should be no more than 6 people in the kitchen at a time. A kitchen schedule should be created to best track when members would like to “reserve” the use of the kitchen
      2. Face coverings are required in all kitchen areas
      3. Members must leave every other chair empty when sitting in the dining area
      4. Members must sanitize their area immediately before and after use
      5. Members must wash their dishes and put them away immediately after use
   C. Bathroom
      1. Chapters should assign each resident to specific shower stalls, toilets, and sinks  
         a) Residents are expected to only use the spaces assigned to them and be courteous to the other residents they are sharing spaces with
      2. Members must sanitize their shower area, toilet, and sink before and immediately after use

VII. Cleaning
   A. For Mines-Owned Homes: Although regular custodial services will continue to be provided, it is not their responsibility to clean up after you and potentially be exposed to COVID-19
   B. For Mines-Owned Homes: Extra cleaning supplies will be provided in designated areas for members to use frequently. If the chapter needs more cleaning supplies, contact the FSL Coordinator
   C. Chapters may find it helpful to add sanitation chores for residents that occur frequently (recommended every hour during peak hours if possible)
      1. Sanitation chores can include but are not limited too wiping down door knobs, light switches, counter tops, tables, chairs, and any other high touch point surfaces
      2. Chapter leadership should conduct regular health and safety checks on bedrooms and common spaces
D. Residents are responsible for the removal of trash and recyclables from their rooms/apartments, including living rooms or suite common rooms. Trash must be placed in appropriate receptacles located in designated areas.
E. Conduct action will be taken for chapters who are found in violation of health and safety cleanliness

VIII. Reporting Process
A. When a resident member meets any of the following criteria:
   1. Have received a positive COVID-19 test result
   2. Have had close contact with (live with or had extended face-to-face contact with) someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (irrespective of mask use)
   3. Have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting test results, not including routine surveillance testing of asymptomatic students by Mines
   4. Have symptoms associated with COVID-19
   5. 911 Note: If someone has severe symptoms (trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, bluish lips) this may be a medical emergency and you should call 911 and tell them the symptoms.

B. Then the resident student should report, as follows:
   1. Complete the Mines Community Member COVID Reporting Tool (https://www.mines.edu/ehs/report-covid-19/) online to make notification of your situation. These reports are received by the Mines COVID-19 Response Initiator Team (CRIT) seven days a week between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Reports received outside these hours will be addressed the following day. (This report applies to all Mines community members regardless of where they live.)
   2. If the report is made after 6:00 PM residents must report by calling the Fraternity & Sorority Life Coordinator
   3. Note: Any Mines faculty, staff, or student may also make such a report on behalf of a Mines community member who falls into one of the four categories above.

IX. Quarantine and Isolation Policy
A. For Mines Owned Houses:
   1. If a member tests positive, a member of CRIT will be in contact with the positive case as well as members of the house to manage quarantine and isolation procedures.
   2. The positive case is likely going to be moved to an isolation room on campus outside of the chapter house.
   3. Members should follow all quarantine guidance. For guidance on quarantine and isolation please reference this website: https://www.mines.edu/coronavirus/return/isolation-and-quarantine-guidance/

B. For Privately Owned Homes:
   1. If a member tests positive, a member of CRIT will be in contact with the positive case as well as members of the house to manage quarantine and isolation procedures.
2. If the positive case has a roommate, it is recommended to relocate either the roommate or the positive case to their own space in order to prevent spread.

3. Members should follow all quarantine guidance. For guidance on quarantine and isolation please reference this website: https://www.mines.edu/coronavirus/return/isolation-and-quarantine-guidance/

X. Consequences:
   A. First Infraction: Dependent on the severity, a chapter that commits their first violation of COVID-19 regulations will hold an educational conversation with the Fraternity & Sorority Life Coordinator and Director of SAIL. Should the violation be deemed severe then the consequence may escalate to a second or third infraction sanction.
   B. Second Infraction: Chapters will be sent to their respective council judicial board for adjudication and dependent on the severity, the Dean of Students Office.
   C. Third Infraction: Chapters will be put on suspension status until further notice and lose campus privileges.

XI. For Mines-Owned Homes: Health and Safety Inspection and Entry
   A. Mines is committed to respecting the student’s right to privacy. However, Mines also reserves the right to enter rooms in order to perform required maintenance, determine the condition of Mines property, investigate suspected violations of Mines rules and policies, and to maintain the health and safety of all students.
   B. Throughout the year, including vacation periods, Mines reserves the right to clean, check and repair residential community rooms. Whenever possible, Mines will notify the student in advance of maintenance work to be done and shall exercise all reasonable care with personal belongings of the student. Mines will not be responsible for loss or theft of any personal belongings in student rooms.
   C. Health and Safety Inspections will be conducted by the Office of Residence Life and/or SAIL at least twice a year in the residence halls and apartments. These inspections will be announced at least 48 hours prior to the date and time of inspection. Mines reserves the right to remove any object or material from a student room that violates a Mines policy.
   D. If a student fails a health and safety inspection the student must correct the issue within 48 hours and continuously maintain compliance moving forward.

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