



**Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils of
West Chester University
Social Event Suspension**



The Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council (PHC) of West Chester University have formed a social event committee, with representation from each member chapter, and led by the officers of each council. Social life is an important aspect of the fraternity and sorority experience. Meeting new people, developing relationships, and cultivating interpersonal skills are hallmarks of the fraternity and sorority experience. The purpose of the committee is to create a collaborative space in developing a safe social environment for members during the global COVID-19 pandemic, and this group will continue to meet through the end of the summer and fall semester.

In an effort to prioritize community safety above all else, the committee has recommended that all IFC and PHC chapters suspend any and all social events at chapter and member houses. This assists in the continued observance of CDC guidelines as well as safety for community members that live in residential spaces. The chapters formally voted on this recommendation on Monday, August 10th and it will stand until the social committee develops resources and procedures that correspond with CDC guidelines and state/local regulations. Those chapters that wish to host in-person events are encouraged to utilize 3rd party vendors, which have to follow guidelines that are already in place.

Both councils understand that it is vital to learn to adapt to the new reality of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to ensuring our members are safe and healthy during these trying times. We are dedicated to working closely with the University, West Chester Borough, and the West Chester Police Department to collaboratively ensure safety amongst students and the West Chester community members. One of the motivating factors in suspending social events at chapter and member houses is in response to the Mayor's emergency declaration mandate that limits gatherings of more than ten people.

Internal accountability measures will include individual and group conduct processes. Campus community members can share information about potential violations from certain residences but completing [this form](#). This form can be used by chapters and members to ensure compliance with this new policy. Violation of this policy will result in conduct meetings with the respective governing council and, potentially, referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct.

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