

## GAMMA PHI BETA CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON ITS MEMBERS

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Centennial, Colorado – The overall health and wellness of our members deserves our utmost care and attention. As such, Gamma Phi Beta International Headquarters (IH) is closely monitoring the impact of COVID-19, commonly known as coronavirus, on our chapters and their day-to-day operations.

Health officials have continued to reinforce the risk of COVID-19 remains low in North America.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to plan, prepare and respond to coronavirus disease, as college campuses have several risk factors for the spread of illness.

Gamma Phi Beta recommends chapters follow the CDC guidance that has been issued regarding the spread of disease, not just for COVID-19, but other illnesses like the flu.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance includes, but is not limited to:

- If you are sick with flu symptoms, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except to get medical care or for other necessities.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

As of today, all chapter operations, events and activities will proceed as normal. Chapters and members should use CDC guidance in evaluating operations, events and activities for the remainder of the academic year. International Headquarters is committed to monitoring the situation and will alert chapters if additional action is necessary.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief Legal Officer Kathryn Cobb at [kcobb@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:kcobb@gammaphibeta.org).



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[CDC.gov/Coronavirus/2019-NCOV/HCP/Guidance-Prevent-Spread.html](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus/2019-NCOV/HCP/Guidance-Prevent-Spread.html)

[CDC.gov/Coronavirus/2019-NCOV/Community/Guidance-IHE-Response.html](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus/2019-NCOV/Community/Guidance-IHE-Response.html)

## ABOUT GAMMA PHI BETA

Gamma Phi Beta was founded on November 11, 1874, at Syracuse University by four bold and courageous women. The Sorority's mission is to build confident women of character who celebrate sisterhood and make a difference in the world around us. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the Sorority has chartered 189 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada and has more than 224,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.



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