

GAMMA PHI BETA SHARES PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

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Centennial, Colorado – Gamma Phi Betas have been steadfast in their commitment to protect the health and well-being of our sisters and those in the communities to which we belong. As public health guidance for COVID-19 has recently changed, it is imperative to be aware of these changes so members can comply with public health guidelines when planning chapter operations. Recently released guidance includes the following:

- Fully vaccinated individuals should wear a mask in public indoor settings if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals should wear a mask in all public spaces.
- All individuals should get tested if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or following a known exposure with an individual who is suspected or who tests positive for COVID-19.
- Any individual who tests positive or experiences COVID-19 symptoms should isolate.

Due to these changes, **all individuals are required to wear masks in indoor common spaces at Gamma Phi Beta facilities and at Gamma Phi Beta hosted events and activities that take place indoors.** Common spaces include areas such as living rooms, chapter rooms, dining rooms and hallways.

In addition to following the guidance outlined above and complying with any local and campus health guidelines, chapter officers should consider:

- Planning events that can be easily switched to a virtual format.
- Planning more events in outdoor or open-air spaces.
- Planning events that allow for increased social distancing between attendees.
- Purchasing masks to provide to event attendees.
- Increasing the frequency of cleaning/disinfecting shared public spaces and high-touch surfaces.

Public health guidance is likely to change throughout the year, and Gamma Phi Beta will support our members in planning chapter activities that are compliant.

ABOUT

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 190 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada and has more than 234,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.



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