

# Spring 2022 COVID Operations & Safety

# WHAT SHOULD MY CHAPTER DO?

-Please send us your roster, specifically email addresses, of chapter members currently on the meal plan.

-Please have chapter members fill out an updated version of our allergy form.

-Please submit or confirm a list of preferred snacks, and preferred local restaurants.

-Designate a person, usually the House Director or Steward, who the chef can work with to explain the specific plan and emergency food instructions.

### Our Approach

-We believe that COVID outbreaks in January and February will be more widespread than before. Specifically, if a COVID outbreak affects a chapter or the staff working at that chapter, it will simultaneously be affecting local restaurants in the area, local food delivery drivers in the area, etc.

-We believe that any possible changes to the meal service will have a relatively low impact on preventing COVID infection compared to all the other factors that affect the infection rate. We are focusing less on preventing infections, which we think is largely something we can't control, and focusing more on preparing in advance for our response for when infections do occur.

-Our response will include substitute chef options, local restaurants, and food that is prepared in advance that is ready-to-eat or can be heated easily and simply.

-This type of 'emergency food' will most likely not compare favorably in quality to our normal meals. We feel this cannot be helped considering the circumstances and will be necessary for the handful of days until a chef can return.

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## How Will Food Be Served?

-We do not believe that eliminating the salad bar, serving meals in boxes, or other changes to the style of service will measurably decrease risk. These items may be changed in cases of special circumstances but as a general rule we intend on a normal style of service.

Salad Bars Buffet Service Real China & Silverware App-Based Ordering With Time Slots



#### STAFF PRECAUTIONS

-Chefs are still expected to follow University and local guidance on vaccine requirements.

-Chefs should wear masks at all times while working.

-Chefs should self-report any COVID symptoms. Chefs with symptoms are presumed to be positive unless proven otherwise, and will follow the updated CDC return-to-work guidelines.

--At this time a consistent testing program is not feasible but we are monitoring this possibility

## SUBSTITUTE CHEFS

-If your chef misses work due to COVID, we will always first try to replace them with another chef. However, we cannot guarantee a replacement chef for every meal and in fact we expect that substitute chefs may also be unavailable.

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#### **RESTAURANT ORDERS**

-If substitute staff is not available, our next option is local restaurants. There are 3 main options: pizza, sandwiches, and DoorDash. All have pros and cons. When using DoorDash there is a group order feature that we will use as long as we have a current roster of email addresses.

## Emergency Food

-We will keep a prepared entrée in the freezer which is sufficient for a dinner for 1 night. In most locations we serve, freezer space is inadequate to store more than that. We will also have extra bread, deli meats, cheese, and sandwich items. This is designed to provide a self-service option in the event a chef cannot be present. Emergency food will be limited as we are constrained by storage space and spoilage.

#### **S**NACKS

-Normal snacks will be provided on a daily basis or as specified in your contract. Additionally, emergency snacks will be stocked. These will not be made available to chapter members unless we are not able to provide a chef. These snacks will be designed more as non-perishable meal replacements, to include protein bars, trail mixes, and the like.

## DIETARY RESRICTIONS

-Members with dietary restrictions should make sure to submit an updated version of our allergy form. In the case of a COVID outbreak, our first priority will be to accommodate those with allergies and medical needs, as opposed to those who have lifestyle preference but whose physical health is not in jeopardy. Emergency food entrees will not be able to accommodate special dietary needs. As a result, the people with documented dietary needs will be prioritized with restaurant delivery.

# QUESTIONS?

-Our client service folks are happy to help. Here's where you can get the fastest response: Kate Novinger | <u>Kate@gillgrilling.com</u> | 937.267.6108

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