Notification of Indefinite Social Hold

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To: All MIT Interfraternity Council Member and Associate Member Presidents

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    Liz Jason, Assistant Dean, FSILGs
    James Reed, Assistant Dean, Student Conduct

Dear MIT Fraternity Presidents,

We are writing to inform you of an update to the status of social events policy regarding MIT Interfraternity Council Members and Associate Members. As a result of the president’s email and the MIT policies designed to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19, we will be instituting a IFC member-wide social hold. The following stipulations are effective immediately. The following events will no longer be approved:

**Mixer**: This is an event or party between two or more recognized student organizations. A mixer is restricted to the members of the involved organizations and non-members may not be present.

**Formals**: This is a member event in which one guest per member of the FSILG is invited to attend.

**Recruitment/CPW Events**: Activities held during recruitment/intake periods or CPW to which admitted first-year or enrolled first-year students are invited. No alcohol is ever present or permitted at these events. These events are not typically registered through the social events process unless the event is also considered a party. Parties: This term is an umbrella term intended to cover a wide range of social events, small or large in nature, that involve both members of the organization along with non-members of the organization. For purposes of this document, the term “party” is construed broadly: If a social event looks like a party, even if it does not involve a majority or even a significant minority of members, it is a party.

**Community Engagement Events**: These events are designed to connect the organization with the greater community. Community engagement events include, but are not limited
to, faculty/staff receptions, open houses, religious observations, and neighborhood dinners.

**Special House Event:** A social event would fall into the special event category for one of two reasons. The first is that the FSILG would like to host their social event on their approved rooftop deck. The second is if the FSILG wants to host a social event that exceeds their assembly numbers as determined by either a dry event or a wet event.

In addition, *any events that have been registered already that are currently in violation of this policy should be cancelled*. Together, the IFC Risk Manager and IFC Judicial Committee Chair strongly recommend the highest levels of attentiveness to your members’ health and safety in your preparations to leave campus over the weekend.

The Executive Committee of the Interfraternity Council considered institute recommendations on how to manage the spread of the disease when arriving at this decision. The nature of parties is inherently predisposed to enabling the spread of disease. By limiting our event presence, we can better insulate ourselves and do our part in maintaining the public health. Together, we must actively work to protect our MIT community. Thank you for your participation, and please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us with any questions or concerns.

This policy will be in effect until we receive more information, which will be considered when making decisions about policy for the future.

Sincerely,

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