Dear Resident,

Last week, UA released an update regarding University operations, refunds, and Honors Week 2020. Regarding fraternity/sorority specific housing and meal plan refunds, members will receive communication from their individual House Corporation Board (HCB) about any potential reimbursements by the end of the spring semester. With a community of our size, this requires time and care, so we ask students and families to please remain patient as each HCB works to determine next steps.

Additionally, Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox issued an executive order extending the public safety curfew for Tuscaloosa residents to 24 hours a day. The order went into effect on Sunday, March 29 at 10 p.m. and will continue in effect through midnight on Saturday, April 11, at which point it will be re-evaluated. Under the extended curfew, Tuscaloosa residents are to remain in their home or place of residence at all times, leaving only for essential purposes. These purposes include but are not limited to: work at essential businesses; visiting essential businesses like grocery stores, pharmacies, financial institutions and gas stations; providing care for others; retrieving to-go orders from restaurants; attending doctor’s appointments; and exercising outside – as long as six feet of social distance is maintained.

In addition to the curfew, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey issued an Order of the State Health Officer suspending certain public gatherings due to risk of infection by COVID-19. Under this Order, all "non-essential" businesses, venues, and activities should be closed or not take place through 5:00 P.M. on April 17, 2020. Prior to 5:00 P.M. on April 17, 2020, a determination shall be made whether to extend this Order—or, if circumstances permit, to relax this Order.

In accordance with the statewide Order, The University of Alabama remains closed. While Wednesday, April 15 had been identified as a tentative date for a coordinated and staggered move-out of Greek housing facilities, this has been postponed. The University is legally bound to comply with the Governor’s directive and consequently, no move out of Greek facilities will be allowed, prior to the lifting of the Order. In the interim, residents who need access to emergency items, such as medication, laptop, or essential books/course materials, should contact their House Director or designated chapter representative directly through normal mechanisms. Once the Order has been lifted and it is safe for students to return to campus, an update will be sent via email to all Greek housing residents, detailing the move out timeline, which will occur over the course of 5-7 days, and logistics for their facilities.

Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated, as we as we navigate this crisis together. Our Greek system is a resilient one and our connections are what keep us close. Thank you for all that you do to keep the UA fraternity/sorority community strong during this time of uncertainty. Please continue social distancing and following guidance from health officials. UA will continue to provide up-to-date information at healthinfo.ua.edu.

Sincerely,

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