

Monroe County Health Department Quarantine Request

Sent: 9/02/2020

Brothers,

Please see the attached letter from the Monroe County Health Department requesting a house-wide quarantine.

In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, we do not recommend that you return home. Please exercise caution and continue with COVID-19 best practices like cleaning and disinfecting highly trafficked areas and surfaces, frequent hand washing, and social distancing. Masks that cover your mouth and nose should be worn at all times in all common areas. Please refrain from unnecessary contact with other occupants.

Please let us know if you have any questions,

Scott



Monroe County Health Department

Monroe County, Indiana

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September 2, 2020

Dear Nita Barbee,

The Monroe County Health Department, Indiana University Sorority and Fraternity Life, IU Public & Environmental Health, and IU Medical Response Team for contact tracing are all working to manage the health and academic progress of Indiana University students, including your members, at this time. Unfortunately, numerous positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the Alpha Epsilon Pi House.

Based on the elevated number of positives cases in your House, the close contacts, and potential for additional unidentified exposures, the Monroe County Health Department formally requests that the Alpha Epsilon Pi House immediately implement house-wide, self-imposed quarantine procedures. The time period for which this house-wide, self-imposed quarantine will last depends upon the health of the members during the quarantine period. Of course, that is unknown at this time; therefore, I cannot predict the termination date of the self-imposed quarantine period. This letter will explain what is expected and will provide additional information.

Any member who has tested positive for COVID-19, should return home or relocate to a separate housing area and [isolate](#) for at least ten (10) days after the positive test result was obtained. This time may be extended, based on the member's symptoms. Members, who have tested positive, may not attend in-person classes, of course, but may participate in remote/online instruction. No member should return to the House until they have been released from isolation by their physician. They also may not return to the House until the house-wide, self-imposed quarantine period has expired.

Ideally, anyone who has been identified as a close contact of a member who has been confirmed positive, should also return home or relocate to a separate housing area and quarantine for at least fourteen (14) days. These members, who have been identified as close contacts of a member who has been confirmed positive, should also not attend in-person classes, but should participate in remote/online instruction.

All other members of the House, who have been potentially exposed, should quarantine in the House for a period of at least fourteen (14) days. Within fourteen (14) days, IF a member has been infected with COVID-19, symptoms may appear. Anyone in this group, who remains in the



House, and becomes symptomatic should follow the guidance from Indiana University for symptomatic testing <https://fall2020.iu.edu/safe-on-campus/testing-requirements.html>. If a member tests positive for COVID-19, the member should return home or relocate to a separate housing area and [isolate](#) for at least ten (10) days after the positive test result was obtained. This time may be extended if that member remains symptomatic. Members should not be allowed to go to in-person classes and will need to participate in remote/online instruction during the entirety of the house-wide, self-imposed quarantine.

Guests, including those members not living in the House, may not be received except those who are essential to the medical care, food service, and sanitization of the facility.

All staff should avoid contacts with House members and wear personal protective equipment at all times, including masks, gloves, and any other equipment necessary to keep the staff member safe.

Below is some additional, but more general information about how the Monroe County Health Department works with Indiana University. It is our goal to protect public health and keep all residents of Monroe County safe and healthy.

Indiana University Medical Response Team contact tracers have been working and will continue to work with the Monroe County and Indiana State Health Departments to ensure medical care is available as needed and so contact tracing may be promptly started and thoroughly done.

This team has developed protocols based on [CDC](#) and [Indiana State Department of Health](#) guidelines. It is vital that anyone who tests positive, as well people who are close contacts, cooperate fully with the team of tracers. Close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, for 15 minutes or more.

Furthermore, contact tracers from IU work quickly to identify any other individuals who need further evaluation. In a living situation like a fraternity, sorority or other cooperative housing, when several cases are present, the entire living unit will be evaluated and everyone in the living unit should self-quarantine until further direction from IU or the Monroe County Health Department is received. This link describes what happens in [quarantine](#).

The contact tracing process is initiated by IU and conducted in conjunction with the [local health department](#) and follows all CDC guidelines. If the contact is deemed to be at risk of spreading the virus, then the individual will need to self-quarantine either in the House or – if they prefer – at their own home. The time associated with self-quarantine is fourteen (14) days from last exposure. During this time, a student will not be allowed to go to class and will need to participate in remote/online instruction. In addition, if an individual tests positive during the self-quarantine period, then this individual will move into isolation. If people are unable to separate during isolation and quarantine, the period of quarantine may be greatly extended.

Again, it is because the number of members in your House who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or been exposed is so high that the Monroe County Health Department is asking you



to impose this house-wide, self-imposed quarantine. In addition to taking the above-stated measures, please submit a written, plan of action to Indiana University Sorority and Fraternity Life within two (2) business days, so that can be shared with the Monroe County Health Department. If you choose not to comply, additional action may be taken by the Monroe County Health Department, including the imposition of a formal Health Order and/or seeking an injunction to ensure the health and safety of your members and our community.

While it is clear that neither isolation nor quarantine is ideal or convenient, everyone's commitment and dedication to the importance and necessity of these steps is greatly valued and appreciated. Please know that we are in this together and we will get through this together with each of us doing our part. **Your cooperation in completing this isolation and quarantine direction is vital.**

Sincerely,

Penny Caudill.
Monroe County Health Department Administrator

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/College-Poster-COVID-Tips-for-Students.pdf>



Beta Iota Holding Corporation and Esponda Associates Response to Recent Indiana University Communication

Sent: 9/03/2020

Brothers,

Yesterday evening, we received notice from the Monroe County Health Department requesting a full house quarantine, which we forwarded to you. This morning, the entire Greek community received notice from Indiana University that they are recommending all Greek houses on campus be shut down.

To be absolutely clear, **we have no intention of closing the house**. The university's recommendation is just that, a recommendation. The Chapter has a COVID-19 procedure that was developed over the summer in conjunction with medical professionals associated with the Indiana University administration. The house should have quarantine and isolation rooms which should be used as needed to increase distancing and promote quarantine/isolation.

In conjunction with CDC guidelines, we do not recommend that anyone leaves the house to travel home. Additionally, everyone in the house needs to be complying with the county's full house quarantine request that we sent yesterday, please let us know if you need another copy of this letter. The CDC procedure for quarantining is fourteen (14) days after the last confirmed case in the house. For more information on how to quarantine or isolate, please consult this [CDC guide](#).

In the meantime, we expect all of you to continue to follow the Chapter developed plan to handle this situation, as well as continue COVID-19 best practices such as frequent hand washing, wearing masks in all common areas, and social distancing.

Thanks,

Scott

Beta Iota Community Guidelines and Housing Agreement Violation

Sent: 9/08/2020

Brothers,

It has been brought to our attention by members of the campus community that individuals living in the house have been observed ignoring the Monroe County Health Department quarantine order. Residents should not be leaving the house, non-resident guests other than vendors and staff are not allowed, and residents should be wearing masks at all times when interacting with non-residents, including when picking up food deliveries; we also recommend that you use contactless delivery options whenever available. Failure to adhere to the county quarantine order is a violation of local health guidelines and subsequently your housing contract. Since we are already under a county-mandated quarantine order, continued violations are likely to result in an immediate revocation of the license that allows Esponda Associates and the Beta Iota Holding Corporation to rent the house to you.

Further instances of this or similarly risky behavior may result in corrective or punitive actions being taken against the chapter, its members, or the house corporation by code enforcement, law enforcement, or university officials. It may also result in the cancelation or limitation of insurance coverages. If the house is ordered closed by any authority having the jurisdiction to do so due to your negligent actions, you will be required to move out of the house for the remainder of the academic year. Pursuant to your housing agreement, if the house is closed by a local authority due to your negligence, you will still be responsible to pay the full rent listed in your housing agreement for the entire year in full and may be liable for further damages.

We are urging each and every one of you to come into compliance with the requirements of the local authorities and to urge your fellow tenants to do the same. Please let us know if you have any questions about this.

Status of Beta Iota Chapter

Sent: 9/24/2020

Dear Brother,

Based on the reports that members of the Beta Iota chapter at Indiana University participated in activities that are in direct violation of Alpha Epsilon Pi and Indiana University's health and safety guidelines, in addition to Monroe county, by the authority vested in me by the Supreme Board of Governors, I am mandating that the chapter *Cease and Desist* all activities. *During this time, the chapter may not participate in any chapter programming including but not limited to new member meetings, social or Brotherhood events, philanthropy events, an active presence on social media, financial disbursements or transactions, or any other activity that may be considered as a chapter gathering or chapter operation.*

The International Fraternity, as a result of the alternative resolution with Indiana University, will be conducting a membership review immediately. In addition to the alternative resolution, the decision to perform a membership review is based upon, but not limited to, the following:

- Significant concerns with chapter operations
- Significant concerns with the chapter's health and safety
- A history of repeated conduct violations

Short of closing the chapter, a membership review is the most serious action that can be taken to address concerns in a chapter. Before and during a membership review, all members of a chapter are suspended. An interview process, as described below, is then conducted to determine which members will be invited to rejoin the chapter.

Jason Kirschtel, AEPI's Director of Chapter Services, and I will conduct interviews starting the week of October 5, 2020. Membership decisions will be based on past conduct and these interviews.

Please contact me via email at aneiberg@aepi.org by Friday, October 2, 2020 at 11:59 PM EST if you would like to set up an interview time.

I encourage all of you to cooperate fully with this process.

Fraternally,

Andrew Neiberg
Director of Campus Operations
Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity

Beta Iota Chapter House Update

Sent: 9/24/2020

Brothers,

It is our understanding that you have all been informed by Indiana University and Chapter Leadership of the decision made by the University and Monroe County requiring you to vacate the premises at 1412 N. Jordan by Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Despite the House Corporation's attempts to change this decision, the University and County have held firm based on the egregious nature of the decisions made by members of the Chapter and events that transpired at the facility, which were in flagrant violation of Monroe County Health Department mandates, IU's student code of conduct, Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity Policies, and your individual housing contracts with the Beta Iota Holding Corporation.

Your housing contracts mandate your compliance with university rules and directives, and we presume that each of you intends to comply by vacating the facility in an orderly fashion by Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Although we know that some may have been notified otherwise by the Chapter's leadership; the House Corporation has stepped in to ensure that food service and janitorial will continue for anyone remaining at the facility until then. Pursuant to the University's mandate, once the facility has been closed, no further access will be allowed. Please contact us individually if you require special assistance.

AEPi's mission is inclusive of a robust residential experience, where one can be provided, and we are saddened that this opportunity was squandered. Every student was aware of the seriousness of COVID-19 and the requirements to comply with guidance and mandates to prevent infection. In AEPi houses around the country, Chapters and Members have taken this to heart and have had overall success. Communications from the Beta Iota Holding Corporation making sure that everyone was informed of their responsibilities were sent on 6/18/20, 6/29/20, 9/2/20, 9/3/20 and 9/8/20. Many other communications and resources were sent directly from AEPi, IU, and the Monroe County Health Department with similar messages. In addition, IU required each student to sign the IU student commitment upon returning to campus which included that they agree to "adhere to other guidelines and requirements when adopted by IU or public health authorities to address changed incidence rates or new scientific information about how best to protect me and others from getting sick."

In our communication sent to Chapter Leadership and all students living in the facility on September 8th, the House Corporation urged the students to behave responsibly:

"It has been brought to our attention by members of the campus community that individuals living in the house have been observed ignoring the Monroe County Health Department quarantine order...Failure to adhere to the county quarantine order is a violation of local health guidelines and subsequently your housing contract. Since we are already under a county-mandated quarantine order, continued violations are likely to result in an immediate revocation of the license that allows Esponda Associates and the Beta Iota Holding Corporation to rent the house to you. Further instances of this or similarly risky behavior may result in corrective or punitive actions being taken against the chapter, its members, or the house corporation by code enforcement, law enforcement, or university officials. It may also result in the cancelation or limitation of insurance coverages. If the house is ordered closed by any authority having the jurisdiction to do so due to your negligent actions, you will be required to move out of the house for the remainder of the academic year. Pursuant to your housing agreement, if the house is closed by a local authority due to your negligence, you will still be responsible to pay the full rent listed in your housing agreement for the entire year in full and may be liable for further damages. We are urging each

and every one of you to come into compliance with the requirements of the local authorities and to urge your fellow tenants to do the same.”

Both the House Corporation and the Fraternity will provide further communication to each of you regarding the status of your member fees, housing agreements, payments, and financial obligations in early October.

If you have not already removed all of your belongings from the house, we are happy to facilitate access for movers if needed. If you are unable to fully move-out by Wednesday, September 30, please let us know and we will work to arrange a date for you to access the house. If access cannot be coordinated within a reasonable period of time, we will have your items boxed up and the cost added to your account. Rooms should be left empty and in “broom clean” condition.

Thanks,

Beta Iota Holding Corporation