



SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Student Life & Leadership
Division of Student Affairs + Campus Diversity

SDSU Affiliated Organizations COVID-19 Policy: Recognized Student Organizations

The safety and success of all members of the SDSU community are of paramount importance. For this reason, Recognized Student Organizations are expected to adhere to and uphold the following policies as a commitment to their members' personal safety and well-being, and that of the entire SDSU community. Policies are in effect at all times and in all locations. Recognized Student Organizations who fail to abide by campus policies may be reported to the Office of Student Life & Leadership.

Recognized Student Organizations must uphold the guidance provided by San Diego State University, in conjunction with federal, state, and local agencies, including, but not limited to the California Department of Public Health and San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency. Recognized Student Organizations may be requested to acknowledge the receipt of specific guidance and policies.

The California Department of Public Health issued [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Institutions of Higher Education](#) on August 7, 2020. This document outlines public health guidance, which expressly states that Institutions of Higher Education must “ensure that any organizations affiliated with the IHE, such as off-campus clubs, Greek organizations, etc., also follow these guidelines. Develop systems to enforce and hold affiliated organizations accountable for adhering to this guidance.”

In conjunction with current guidance and until notified otherwise, Recognized Student Organizations may not host formal or informal events, activities, meetings, or gatherings in person. Recognized Student Organizations are encouraged to convene and host activities virtually.

Recognized Student Organization Facilities

San Diego State University acknowledges that some Recognized Student Organizations, including fraternities and sororities, operate housing facilities. Recognized Students Organizations are expected to uphold California Department of Public Health guidance related to housing, specifically:

- Must ensure that facial coverings are worn over the nose and mouth while in common areas. Students must supply their own face coverings. Face coverings may be cloth or disposable and may not have vents or exhalation valves (other than approved NIOSH rated N95 masks). Facial coverings may be removed while a student is in their own room or apartment, is actively eating, drinking, or strenuously exercising. Physical distance from others must be maintained when engaging in these activities.
- Must have frequent reminders of COVID-19 prevention widely available in common areas and rooms.
- Must ensure the cleaning and disinfection of common areas and high-touch surfaces throughout the day



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- Must ensure that their house managers/directors have participated in training on public health measures and signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- May not host in-person social events or activities as per current local and state health officer orders.
- Must reconfigure seating in common areas to permit proper physical distancing of at least 6 feet distance apart.
- Must establish allowable occupancy and develop plans to monitor and enforce.
- Must prioritize single room occupancy wherever possible. In situations that require two students to share a room, ensure that there is at least six feet between beds, and require students to sleep in opposite directions.
- Must minimize the number of residents per bathroom, and increase the frequency of cleaning bathrooms.
- Must restrict building access by non-residents, including outside guests.
- If the Recognized Student Organization includes food service as part of housing or membership, the organization should prioritize providing grab-and-go options for meals. If this option is unavailable, the organization must serve individually plated meals and may not implement buffets or any self-service stations.

This policy may be subject to change based on orders, requirements, and guidance from federal, state, and local authorities.