



SOCIAL DISTANCED CEREMONIES

In the age of COVID-19, many things about returning to campus will look different. This includes important ceremonies like The Phikeia induction and initiation ceremonies. The guidance below is meant to provide suggestions for conducting these ceremonies in a socially distanced environment that will keep our members safe while ensuring these sacred ceremonies carry the same meaning as they always have.

1. Follow all state, local and university guidelines.
2. Maintain social distance at all times:
 - A. Only include those officers and Phikeia(s) as prescribed in the ceremony.
 - B. For the Phikeia induction ceremony, this would include the president, Phikeia educator, treasurer, chaplain, and four Phikeias at one time.
 - C. Hold all ceremonies outside if at all possible.
 - D. Consider contacting local alumni to see if they may have a suitable location.
3. If holding ceremonies indoors, ensure everyone is wearing face coverings. The mask included in this package make a great accessory for any ceremony.
4. Make sure to disinfect all equipment between “rounds” of the ceremony. For the Phikeia induction ceremony, this would include disinfecting the pens used to sign the Phikeia roll book.
5. Hand pins or badges to Phikeias or new brothers still wrapped, asking them to place the pins or badges on themselves.
6. During initiation:
 - A. Ensure each new initiate has their own hoodwink (these can be purchased at most local dollar stores).
 - B. Have each new initiate remove their own hoodwink.
 - C. Do not ask new initiate to have any physical contact with ritual equipment.
 - D. When leading new initiates during the ceremony, consider using a long piece of wood or rope in order to maintain social distance.
 - E. Where gloves when physical contact between officers and initiates are required.
 - F. Use hand sanitizer between acts.

If you have specific questions about conducting ceremonies that are not addressed in this document, please contact your staff lead.



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