



# DELTA CHI

FRATERNITY

## Guidance Document

### ALUMNI REDEDICATION CERMONY

As members of Delta Chi, we are committed to living out the values of our fraternity. While the safety and well-being of our members has always been a priority in our ceremonies and rituals, this has taken on a new context in the midst of responding to COVID-19. It is important that each chapter/colony exercise sound judgement in deciding whether or not to host an Alumni Rededication Ceremony. While this ceremony is an important part of supporting a member's journey and lifelong commitment to Delta Chi, protecting the health of our members is central to our fraternal responsibilities, as evidenced by our Basic Expectations:

- **Basic Expectation #2:** I will respect the dignity and worth of all persons. I will not physically, mentally, psychologically, or sexually abuse or haze any human being.
- **Basic Expectation #3:** I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.
- **Basic Expectation #9:** I will exercise compassion and understanding in dealing with all persons.

This resource guide has been created to provide support to our organizations as they begin to examine the ways they can offer the Alumni Rededication Ceremony to our members in a safe environment. Before you proceed, it is important to:

- Ensure that all required paperwork and supplies are ordered through the International Headquarters and that approval is received to conduct the ceremony, per existing requirements
- Follow all guidelines regarding gatherings or events from your institution
- Follow all guidelines regarding gatherings or events from the local, state, or federal government

Once you've fulfilled the requirements to conduct the Alumni Rededication Ceremony, your chapter/colony should take all proper precautions to conduct the ceremony as safely as possible for all participants. Delta Chi encourages all of our chapters/colonies to implement the following guidelines when conducting the Alumni Rededication Ceremony :

- Ask that any potential participant who has experienced symptoms, or been in contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19 must self-quarantine for 14 days before participating in the ceremony
  - Symptoms can include, but are not limited to, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of smell or taste
- Encourage participants to quarantine prior to participating in the ceremony
- Consider limiting the number participants in the room to essential participants only

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- If campus/local/state guidelines limit gatherings to 10 people or less, your chapter/colony may need to amend your by-laws to allow quorum at ceremonies to be 5 or more members during a time of a health emergency
- Limit participants to one person per ceremony if possible
- Be prepared to offer each participants their own set of appropriate ceremony attire
- Secure a space/venue that is large enough to accommodate the ceremony to allow adequate spacing of participants
- The ceremony should be well rehearsed and efficient to limit exposure
- Practice social distancing with all participants throughout the ceremony
- Provide adequate spacing between stations and officers
- Wash all initiation attire prior to, and immediately following initiation
- Consider hosting the Alumni Rededication Ceremony over multiple days to better accommodate social distancing guidelines
- Provide hand sanitizer for all participants, and ask all participants to use hand sanitizer after personal interactions
- Be mindful of "breath streams"
- Limit physical contact between participants that isn't necessary (locking arms, handshakes, high fives, hugs, etc).
- Wipe down and sanitize all materials and surfaces prior to, between, and after performances of the Ritual
- Require all participants to use personal protective equipment including face masks and gloves
- Candles should be manually extinguished (candle dampers), not blown out
- Participants should pin their badges on themselves
- Offer a round of applause to showcase support and congratulations, rather than handshakes or other personal contact
- Thoroughly clean the Ritual kit and materials before and after the ceremony
- Plan ahead to ensure the chapter/colony has secured adequate materials (extra ceremony attire, hand sanitizer, gloves, etc) prior to conducting the ceremony

Again, Delta Chi is committed to the health and safety of all our members. It is important that all of our chapters/colonies and members utilize their best judgement in determining their ability to offer the Alumni Rededication Ceremony. Please exercise caution and help to foster a safe environment for all of our collegiate members, alumni, and guests. For more information about performing the Alumni Rededication Ceremony or other ceremonies, please contact your chapter/colony coach, or reach out to Delta Chi International Headquarters at 463-207-7200 or [info@deltachi.org](mailto:info@deltachi.org).