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All-- A few important clarifications and notes related to the fall:

- **FSILGs will be open at normal capacity for fall 2021.** This has been told to us explicitly. Remember, MIT plans to "resume full academic and research activities on campus" and "[will be inviting \[the\] full population of students to be in residence](#)", all of which is impossible without our houses. This was reiterated by Suzy Nelson in her [April 7th message](#).
- Before that was clear, your undergrads were encouraged to apply for on-campus housing. This was a no-risk safety net since applications can be canceled without penalty until May 28th. Now that there is no ambiguity and FSILGs will be fully open, **please encourage your undergrads set on living in their FSILG to cancel their application for on-campus housing ASAP.** This is both to take the load off MIT Housing (they are currently oversubscribed!) and to give you assurance that your house will be filled sooner rather than later.
- I'm aware some students understand FSILGs will be open but have not yet canceled their on-campus housing application "just in case". I completely understand the thinking given the uncertainty of the past year, but **this precaution is not necessary.** To reiterate: MIT residence halls are also returning to full capacity. If the pandemic situation takes a surprise turn for the worse, everything about the fall will have to be replanned and FSILG members would not be at a disadvantage.
- The residence halls and pilot FSILGs are under strict protocols this semester, **but as the public health situation improves we can be optimistic about relaxing these for the fall.** For our FSILGs, that would mean: no masks required within a house; a less frequent testing schedule; use of kitchens; and no quarantine week upon arrival.
- And a big one: The rising juniors and sophomores have never lived in an FSILG before, and the rising sophomores have never been inside--and maybe have never seen--your house. Hesitance to move in could be a real obstacle this year. **Please connect with your undergrad members to encourage them to move in and understand any reservations they may have.**

On the last point, the AILG will be working with the council leaders and DSL on strategies to promote our community and get the newest members excited about moving into their houses. Stay tuned!

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