FSILG Housing Update

AILG Special Meeting
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MIT Spring Housing Update

- ~2,800 indicated they want to return to campus housing. We expect melt, but had hoped for ~2,630, to lower density and continue the pod program & reduce student isolation.

- ~740 would be willing to live in a double. Students in doubles will be in same pod.

- Given these higher numbers, the following compromises may need to be made:
  - 74% system-wide average density (up from 68% in previous spring model)
  - Fewer/no pod lounges in some houses (Exact houses TBD)
  - Utilizing Site 4 for UG (up to 200 students in single efficiency units)
  - Fewer isolation spaces for students & essential personnel
Options to lower density & offer pod lounges

- Utilize Eastgate & some distributed for isolation (180 student spaces, 30 grad distributed) & combine essential personnel in Eastgate (20 spaces) - OR – MIT-owned FSILG for essential
- Double as many rooms as possible
- Run an FSILG housing pilot with 3-5 chapters (~15 students per chapter)
FSILG Pilot Goals

• **Learn how to operate FSILGs during Covid** (as we rely on this system to house 25% of our students during non-Covid times)

• **Reduce our density on campus**, even slightly, with a supportive living experience that **manages risks relating to Covid**

• In preparing for a fall 2021 opening, **participating chapters will form a team, develop a plan, and assess effectiveness of Covid protocols and practices**, while working in collaboration with DSL, AILG, house corps & students
Timeline & Process

• 11/24 – FSILG Pilot concept presented to MIT senior leadership
• 12/2 [Today] – Meeting with AILG community to share pilot idea
• 12/9 – Interested chapters submit applications, which are reviewed by team of alumni, DSL, and MIT Medical
• 12/15 – Chapters notified
• 12/20 – Pilot students notify MIT Housing that they will be living in their FSILG
• January 2021 – Pilot organizations form planning teams and meet over the course of the month to prepare for the pilot.
• 2/13-15 – Move-in, testing, Q-Week
FSILG Pilot

Initial FAQ
● **The FSILG Pilot *is:***
  ○ For 3-5 organizations
  ○ An opportunity to prepare for a potential Fall 2021 Grand Reopening
  ○ A collaboration between alums, students, the AILG, and DSL
  ○ A service to the entire FSILG community

● **The FSILG Pilot *is not:***
  ○ A way to fill your house
  ○ A return to pre-Covid business-as-usual
  ○ A path to get a recruitment or financial advantage
  ○ Solely about your organization
• **Who will select the pilot organizations?**
  ○ A small team of representatives from the AILG, DSL, and MIT Medical

• **How will pilot organizations be selected?**
  ○ Criteria will include but is not limited to:
    ■ Number of students in residence
    ■ Alumni engagement
    ■ Student leadership in residence
    ■ Facility condition
    ■ Operational plan, e.g. food service, cleaning, Q-week, use of space in house
    ■ Recent chapter discipline issues or other risk factors

• **How and when can I apply?**
  ○ Immediately after this call! Applications are due in a week, on 12/9 at 11:59pm ET

• **Is my application “binding”?**
  ○ You and your undergrads agree to move forward with the pilot process if selected
- **What will be the policies under the pilot?**
  - Comprehensive policies will be developed alongside the AILG and DSL in January; for now:
    - No guests allowed in the house, including members not in residence
    - Students enrolled in COVID Pass
    - Limited access to academic and other on-campus buildings
    - No hosting or attending social events
    - Regular assessments of alums and students
    - Alcohol / substance?

- **What if things go awry?**
  - A ramp-down plan will be established as a part of the policy development

- **How much will it cost?**
  - The pilot will be cost-neutral for selected organizations

- **What about recruitment?**
  - This will be virtual for all FSILGs – pilot or not – and enforced by the councils
Discussion