

# FSILG Housing Update

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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 ALLG 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