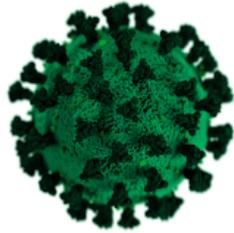


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# COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC TASK FORCE

## SORORITY OPERATIONS

### 2020 VIRTUAL REGIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

| MAY 13-31   | 13 | 14 | 19 | 20 | 27 | 28 | 30 | 31 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| <b>MWR Conference Opens 7pm Central</b><br>Speeches: (Forum follows speeches) | X  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| MWR Voting 12pm-7pm<br>Announce Results 8pm; Meeting closes                   |    | X  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>GLR Conference Opens 7pm Central</b>                                       |    |    | X  |    |    |    |    |    |
| <b>SAR Conference Opens 7pm Central</b>                                       |    |    |    |    | X  |    |    |    |
| <b>SCR Elections Meeting Opens 9am Central</b><br>Speeches and Forum          |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  |    |
| <b>FWR Elections Meeting Opens 3pm Central</b><br>Speeches and Forum          |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  |    |
| <b>SCR Voting, 8am-12pm, Central</b><br>Announce Results, 1pm                 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  |
| <b>FWR Voting, 12pm-4pm, Central</b><br>Announce Results, 5pm                 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  |

#### *Virtual Regional Conference Elections*

The first-ever Virtual Regional Conference Elections in Alpha Kappa Alpha history were held on May 13-14 in the Mid-Western Region. Regional Director Soror Twyla Woods Buford, the International Nominating Committee, the seven (7) candidates seeking the office of Mid-Western Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee and the sorors of the Mid-Western Region executed the election with purpose, professionalism and sisterliness. Well done, Sorors! You were magnificent! In addition, the Corporate Office under the leadership Soror Cynthia Howell, Executive Director, and the technology expertise of Darold Fletcher, Manager of Databases, Web and Special IT Projects, was instrumental in ensuring that these historic regional elections were seamless. This team effort underscores the commitment of your leadership to ensuring that the business of Alpha Kappa Alpha continues to be carried out even in the midst of a global pandemic. The schedule for the remaining virtual regional elections has been provided to ensure you remain informed about important sorority operations leading up to the vote of the Boule delegation.

#### *Boule Update*

Sorors were notified by the Supreme Basileus that the Boule is officially postponed. The most crucial matters that must be addressed at the Boule will be done through a virtual meeting of Boule delegates on July 15 and 16. Chapters should continue to elect delegates to represent them at this virtual meeting which will focus on the election of Directorate officers and the ratification of regional elections. Voting on the

proposed amendment to the Constitution and proposed amendments to the bylaws will be deferred. Additional information regarding the virtual meeting will be forthcoming.

*Boule Registration*

Over 10,000 sorors registered for the 2020 Boule and each will receive a refund. There is no need to contact the Corporate Office. Credit card refunds should be received within the next 5 - 7 days (some banks may take longer to post). It will take at least 10 - 14 days to process refund checks. Refunds are in process and should be completed by the end of May, barring changes in a soror's personal financial information.

*Boule Housing Cancellations*

If you booked your hotel reservation through the AKA Official Housing Bureau, your hotel reservation will automatically be cancelled without penalty. If you booked your hotel reservation by any other means, it is the soror's responsibility to cancel your reservation. Any penalties imposed for independent bookings will be the soror's responsibility.

*Virtual Chapter Operations*

Sorors are reminded that Alpha Kappa Alpha is continuing to operate in a virtual environment to ensure the health and safety of our members despite the fact that many states have lifted Stay-At-Home orders. Gatherings of any kind are not authorized. This means that all chapter and foundation meetings and events, program activities and service initiatives, without exception, must be conducted virtually until further notice. The membership will be advised when the virtual operations restriction has been lifted. The sorority will follow the guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in making the determination concerning when in-person meetings, events, program activities and services initiatives can be safely resumed. Your understanding, adherence and support during this unprecedented time is critical. In the meantime, please click [here](#) to view *A Guide to Virtual Program Activities and Resources for Community Needs* developed by the International Program Committee to assist you as you continue to serve mankind virtually with excellence.

## DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you for joining our weekly Day of Prayer calls on Thursdays. Let us continue to pray for families impacted by COVID-19, healthcare workers, first responders and other essential workers, our sisterhood, this nation and our world. Please also pray for wisdom and compassion for national, state, and local leaders as they make important decisions affecting our communities. The designated prayer times are 7:00AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:00PM in your local time zone. Pray once, twice or at each of the designated times as your schedule allows believing in the awesome power of prayer. Continue to remain prayerful as we live through this global pandemic.

## HONORING AND SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE WORKERS

We continue to salute our Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors who are rendering selfless service as healthcare providers during this global pandemic. Meet this week's featured AKA frontline heroes.

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|---|---|--|--|
|    |    |    |                                 |
| <p><b>Soror Denise Hooks-Anderson, MD</b><br/>Gamma Omega<br/>Family Physician<br/>Saint Louis University<br/>Saint Louis, MO</p> | <p><b>Soror Kamia Davidson, MSW, NHA</b><br/>Lambda Zeta Omega<br/>Nursing Home Administrator<br/>Pediatric Skilled Nursing Facility<br/>Auburn, AL</p> | <p><b>Soror Pauline Rolle, MD, MPH, CPH</b><br/>Pi Eta Omega<br/>Medical Executive Director<br/>FL Dept of Health in Duval County<br/>Jacksonville, FL</p> | <p><b>Soror Allyson Hillard, MD</b><br/>Zeta Chi Omega<br/>OB/GYN<br/>Virginia Hospital Center<br/>Arlington, VA</p> |



**Soror Monique Pratt**  
 API Upsilon Omega  
 Chief of Internal Medicine  
 The Rand Memorial Hospital  
 Freeport, Bahamas

**Soror Lynde Craig, RN, BSN**  
 Chi Zeta Omega  
 Diabetes Educator  
 Children's Health Dallas  
 Plano, TX

**Soror Denise Algood, MPH, MD**  
 General Member  
 Clinical Director  
 Richland, WA

**Soror Regina Lewis, DO**  
 Alpha Chi Omega  
 Family Medicine Obstetrics  
 Oklahoma State University  
 Tulsa, OK



**Soror Sabrena Miller, OTR/L, SWC**  
 Kappa Beta Omega  
 Occupational Therapist  
 Acute Care Hospital  
 Vallejo, CA

**Soror Hilma Green-Riley, MD, MS**  
 Alpha Mu Omega  
 Internist/Pediatrician  
 Indianapolis, IN

**Soror Alice Garner, MD, FAAP**  
 Epsilon Pi Omega  
 Chief of Newborn  
 Services/Neonatologist  
 NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens  
 Jamaica, NY

**Soror Annie Fant, MHA, SAMFE-A**  
 Mu Psi Omega  
 Chief of Clinical Operations  
 212th Army Combat Support  
 Hospital  
 Rheinland Pfalz, Germany

**Are you a non-healthcare, essential worker?**

If you are a non-healthcare, essential worker, we want to highlight you! Please send a headshot along with your name, occupation, chapter and region to [frontlinesheroes@aka1908.com](mailto:frontlinesheroes@aka1908.com).



**QUARANTINE**

*Is quarantining really effective to slow the spread of disease during a health crisis?*

Coronaviruses are generally thought to be spread from person to person through respiratory droplets. It has often been said that those who are ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it. Click [here](#) to read the 2007 New York Times article below which explores the response of 23 cities to the 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic.

**How (and How Not) to Battle Flu: A Tale of 23 Cities**



In St. Louis, where members of the American Red Cross removed victims of the 1918 Spanish Flu from a house, a quarantine was instituted early. Photo Credit: St. Louis Post-Dispatch

### How has COVID-19 affected Alpha Kappa Alpha?

| Region         | Reported Cases | Reported Deaths |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| North Atlantic | 36             | 3               |
| Mid-Atlantic   | 7              | 0               |
| South Atlantic | 16             | 7               |
| Great Lakes    | 16             | 3               |
| South Eastern  | 6              | 0               |
| South Central  | 33             | 2               |
| Central        | 26             | 2               |
| Mid-Western    | 2              | 0               |
| Far Western    | 4              | 0               |
| International  | 4              | 0               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>150</b>     | <b>17</b>       |

### Notification Protocols

*The integrity of sorority impact data is directly tied to the information collected. Who should I notify?*

- Notify your chapter Basileus that you tested positive for COVID-19.
- Inform your Basileus if you have been in close contact with other chapter members or sorors and where the contact occurred.
- Chapter Basileus will notify only sorors who are at risk for possible exposure without divulging the infected soror's name.
- Chapter Basileus will remind at-risk sorors to regularly monitor their symptoms and immediately notify their doctor if they become symptomatic.
- Chapter Basileus will remind at-risk sorors to quarantine themselves and STAY AT HOME for 14 days to stop the spread of the virus in the event they become symptomatic and test positive.

Visit <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/> for up-to-date worldwide COVID-19 statistics.

## SOROR ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE

### Don't Call This 'Homeschooling': Teaching Kids at Home During the Pandemic Isn't 'Homeschooling'

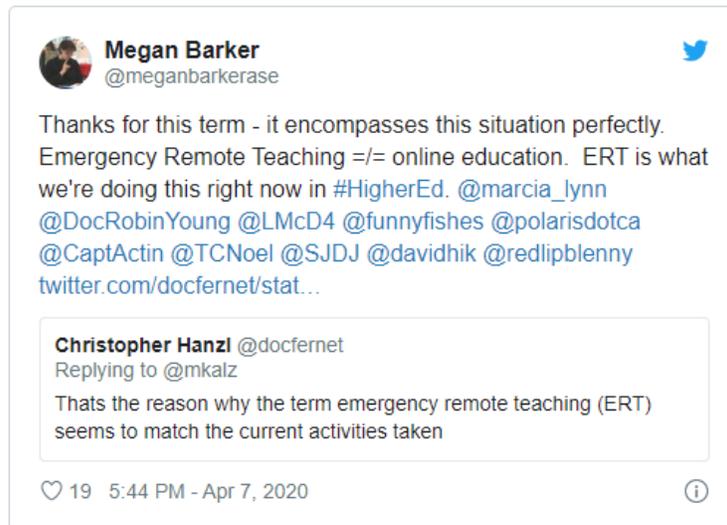
by Meghan Moravcik Walbert

The emails are arriving fast and furious in my inbox: Public relations folks offering up this commentary from a homeschooling expert or that homeschool curriculum to parents who now find themselves doubling as full-time teachers, navigating the new online learning world we're living in.

I've been toying with the idea of writing a post that outlines good resources to use as you "homeschool" your kids during the pandemic, but I've been hesitant. On one hand, some schools really aren't giving parents much direction right now, and some of us do want the extra help; on the other, there are a whole lot of parents out there who are already buried under work stress and financial stress and home stress and, oh yeah,

there's a Zoom classroom meeting at noon and a packet of assignments due by Monday, and they don't need me to put anything else on their plates.

Something about the topic felt icky. It wasn't until I came across this tweet that I could truly pinpoint why:



"Call it 'Emergency Remote Teaching' if you like or, I don't know, 'Total Crap' if you're feeling brutally honest. There's got to be a term for what parents are doing right now, but it's not 'homeschooling,' the same way that what is happening right now is not equivalent to regular online education."

Homeschooling is an intentional act. It takes true commitment from a parent (who often does not also work outside of the home). There are online and local homeschooling communities and co-ops that share resources and support one another and get together for classes, field trips or social events. Yes, homeschooled kids still leave the house.

Back in 2012, when things were normal, Jamie Martin wrote a "Homeschooling 101" piece for Parents.com discussing the requirements for becoming a homeschooling parent:

According to [John] Holt, author of the best-selling book *Teach Your Own*, the most important thing parents need to homeschool their children is "to like them, enjoy their company, their physical presence, their energy, foolishness, and passion. They have to enjoy all their talk and questions, and enjoy equally trying to answer those questions." For the majority of parents who homeschool, the only prerequisite is the desire to do so, along with a dedication to the educational process.

Y'all feeling that desire? Is the dedication to the educational process embedded deep within your soul?

My point is, we don't need to put any additional pressure on ourselves right now. As more and more states announce that schools will indeed be closed through the rest of the school year, we need to do something to help our kids keep learning, whether that's muddling through whatever online learning programs our individual districts have managed to organize or cobbling something together on our own. But we're never going to live up to the image in your head of the creative-yet-organized homeschooling mom with the neatly arranged school supplies in colorful bins and the binders full of activities. This is different. This is temporary. This is emergency remote teaching and emergency remote learning.

*Meghan is Lifehacker's Parenting Editor. She is a former newspaper journalist and author of the Foster Parent Diary Series for the New York Times.*

**For more perspectives on Emergency Remote Education:**

<http://www.bu.edu/articles/2020/homeschooling-tips-during-coronavirus-from-childhood-experts/>

<https://www.cato.org/blog/homeschooling-during-covid-19-pandemic>

<https://www.dwell.com/article/homeschool-guide-coronavirus-covid-19-48d8e32d>

**UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**May 31:**            **2020 Virtual Commencement Ceremony**  
                         "A Celebration of Excellence"  
                         Additional information will be forthcoming.

# PANDEMIC TASK FORCE

**Soror Glenda Glover**  
Supreme Basileus

**Soror Joy Elaine Daley**, International Regional Director (*Chairman*)

**Soror Kimberly Esmond Adams**, Special Assistant & Risk Management Task Force Chairman (*Co-Chairman*)

**Soror Danette Anthony Reed**, First Supreme Anti-Basileus

**Soror Kasey Coleman**, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus

**Soror Kaylen Long**, Undergraduate Member-at-Large

**Soror Hollye Weekes**, Undergraduate Member-at-Large

**Soror Carol Dixon**, Far Western Regional Director

**Soror Cynthia Howell**, Executive Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**Soror Martha Perine Beard**, Chief of Staff to the Supreme Basileus

**Soror Ora Douglass**, Program Committee Chairman

**Soror Cynthia Finch**, MIP Committee Chairman & Healthcare Professional

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