It is very obvious to GSED that our messaging with regard to abiding by the Catamounts Care guidelines and keeping students and everyone safe has not been made clear enough. As organizations, it is not acceptable for you to be officially or unofficially hosting gatherings on or off campus that do not abide by the physical distancing and mask wearing guidelines. This includes registered and unregistered events and parties on the weekends at apartments, houses, and lands that are occupied by members of your chapters. If your chapter or your members are marketing an open party to the student body, you are not only putting every person there at risk for spreading diseases, but you are blatantly ignoring and going against the federal, state, and inter/national organization guidelines and regulations that have been set forth. This office supports only safe and responsible behaviors across the board, COVID or no COVID. Do better. Be the members you gave an oath to be.
GSED is working in conjunction with the Department of Campus Activities and Registered Student Organizations to do our best to keep students safe and healthy. In order to do this, RSOs (and therefore our chapters) now have a few steps they must take in order to hold in person programs, events, tables, and meetings - both on and off campus.

- Any program/event/table/meeting must be registered as an event on Engage through the chapter's Engage page. These events are able to be both publicized as open events and private events for members only (that do not appear in the general search)

- Attendance must be taken contact-less and virtually for EVERY program/event/table/meeting that takes place in person. See the "Attendance" section for instructions on how to do this

- If you are tabling, only one member is permitted to be at the table at a time. Everyone else must spread out and physically distance.

- You must abide by the capacity limitations on gatherings (currently 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors)

- Masks must be worn at all times

- No food is permitted unless it is individually wrapped when purchased (cannot be hand-wrapped)

GSED would like to remind you that all students, faculty, and staff must be wearing their masks, physically distancing, washing their hands, and doing what they need to in order to keep everyone safe. You should not be gathering in groups of more than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, unless specified capacity regulations allow more people.

As mentioned in the “Program Musts” section, it is now required that all chapters and RSOs take attendance at every program/event/table/meeting that is held in person, both chapter only and public events. This is for two main reasons: so that the university is able to contact trace easily if necessary to keep people informed and to ensure that capacity regulations are being followed appropriately. To take attendance at events, chapters MUST FIRST register the program/event/table/meeting as an event on Engage (you can make events both private to members only and public) and then log into the event to get the event code once it begins. Then, each person who is registered on Engage has their own, unique QR Code that you will scan to sign them in. The QR Codes can be found on each person's individual Engage profile.