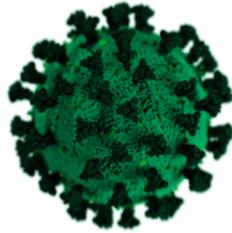


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# COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC TASK FORCE

## SORORITY OPERATIONS

### 2020 TENTATIVE BOULE AND REGIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE\*

Conference	Dates	Location
<b>Boule</b>	<b>POSTPONED</b>	
<b>South Atlantic</b>	To Be Determined	
<b>Great Lakes</b>	November 18 – 22, 2020	Cleveland, OH
<b>South Central</b>	September 4 – 6, 2020	Dallas, TX
<b>Mid-Western</b>	September 24 – 26, 2020	Oklahoma City, OK
<b>Far Western</b>	August 21 – 23, 2020	Oakland, CA
<b>International</b>	To Be Determined	

\* All dates are subject to federal, state and local gathering restrictions.

#### *2020 Boule*

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 chapter delegates on July 15 and 16. As such, 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 forwarded shortly.

#### *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.

#### *Boule Housing Cancellations*

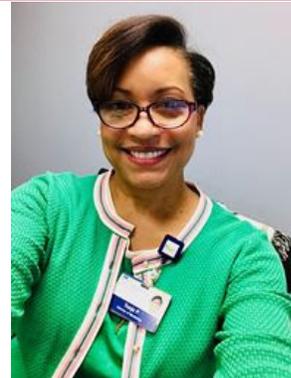
If you booked your hotel reservation through the AKA Official Housing Bureau, your hotel reservation will automatically be cancelled without penalty. If you booked your hotel reservation by any other means, it is the soror's responsibility to cancel your reservation. Any penalties imposed for independent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

# 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.

			
<p><b>Soror Tonja Paylor</b> Theta Omega Omega Director of Marketing &amp; Communications Medstar Montgomery Medical Center Olney, MD</p>	<p><b>Soror Ashley Steger</b> Delta Theta Omega Service Technician St. Vincent's East Hospital Birmingham, AL</p>	<p><b>Soror Karla Lorraine Booker, MD</b> Upsilon Alpha Omega WellStar Urgent Care Physician Gwinnett County, GA</p>	<p><b>Soror Armentha Lynnette Harris, LPN</b> Alpha Chi Omega Area Health and Wellness Director Brookdale Senior Living Center Tulsa, OK</p>
			
<p><b>Soror Romona Thomas Sutton</b> Alpha Alpha Theta Omega Licensed Clinical Social Worker James A. Haley VA Hospital Tampa, FL</p>	<p><b>Soror Rachel Thompson</b> Alpha Pi Omega Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Knoxville Family Justice Center Knoxville, TN</p>	<p><b>Soror Natasha Foster</b> Alpha Zeta Omega The United States Public Health Service Nurse Office for the Bureau of Prisons Durham, NC</p>	<p><b>Soror Tawanna McInnis-Cole, MS, BSN</b> Mu Kappa Omega System Director Infection Prevention Missouri City, TX</p>



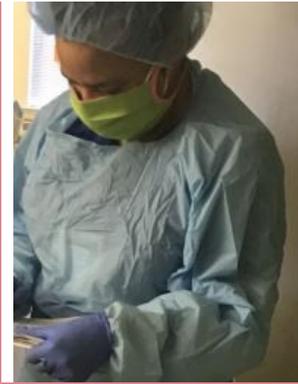
**Soror Maria D. Thomas, MS**  
Delta Delta Omega  
Senior Safety Administrator  
St. Louis County Government  
St. Louis, MO



**Soror La Tanya Tillman, BS**  
Eta Nu Omega  
Funeral Home Owner & Director  
Riverside, CA



**Soror Cheryl R. Williams, BSN, RN**  
Beta Eta Omega  
Cardiac Cath Lab  
Dayton VA Medical Center  
Dayton, OH



**Soror Chastity Crain, MSN, RN**  
General Member  
Long Term Acute Care  
Baton Rouge, LA

We are grateful for the extraordinary work our AKA frontline heroes have done, are doing and will continue to do during this global health crisis.

## UNDERSTANDING COVID-19: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### COVID-19 FOOD, WATER AND SURFACE TRANSMISSION

*Can the coronavirus spread through food?*

Coronaviruses are generally thought to be spread from person to person through respiratory droplets. Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Before preparing or eating food it is important to always wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds for general food safety.

*Can you get coronavirus from touching food packaging, food or contaminated surfaces?*

Currently there is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19.

*Can the virus that causes COVID-19 spread through drinking water?*

The virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water. Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.

*Can the COVID-19 virus spread through sewerage systems?*

The virus that causes COVID-19 has been found in untreated wastewater. Researchers do not know whether this virus can cause disease if a person is exposed to untreated wastewater or sewerage systems. There is no evidence to date that this has occurred. At this time, the risk of transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 through properly designed and maintained sewerage systems is thought to be low. Researchers have analyzed the available information which suggest that standard municipal and individual septic system wastewater treatment practices should inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC is reviewing information on COVID-19 transmission as it becomes available. Guidance will be updated as new evidence is assessed.

*Can you contract the coronavirus disease by touching a surface?*

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

*How long does the coronavirus live on surfaces?*

Current evidence suggests that novel coronavirus may remain viable for hours to days on surfaces made from a variety of materials. Cleaning of visibly dirty surfaces followed by disinfection is a best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in households and community settings. Click [here](#) for more information.



Source: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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

Region	Reported Cases	Reported Deaths
North Atlantic	28	2
Mid-Atlantic	2	0
South Atlantic	13	7
Great Lakes	14	2
South Eastern	5	0
South Central	32	2
Central	18	2
Mid-Western	2	0
Far Western	4	0
International	4	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>15</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

## STAYING CONNECTED

Gamma Psi Chapter from Texas Southern University Spring 1988 Line virtually celebrated their 32-year AKAversary. They played a trivia game, "Do you know your line sister?" As a community service project, they donated to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund at Texas Southern University to help students in need. They also spent time talking about COVID -19 and how it is impacting others, especially the African-American community. It was a wonderful opportunity to check-in, re-connect, encourage and uplift one another!

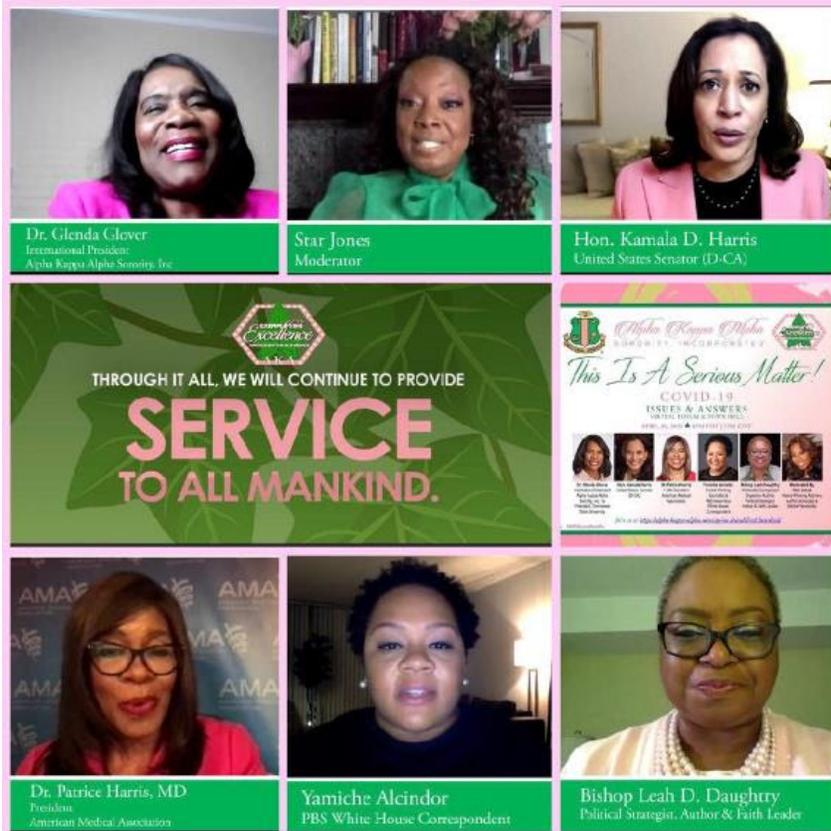


## What Has The Pandemic Really Done?

No school shootings.  
Traffic is gone.  
Gas is affordable.  
Bills have been extended.  
Kids are at home with their families.  
Parents are at home taking care of their children.  
Fast food has been replaced by home-cooked meals.  
Hectic schedules have been overtaken by naps, rest and relaxation.  
The air seems cleaner.  
The world seems quieter.  
People are conscious about health and hygiene.  
Money doesn't seem to make the world go round anymore.  
Doctors, nurses and teachers are being praised and recognized instead of athletes and celebrities.  
And we now have time, finally, to stop and smell the roses.  
Perhaps this is God's way of telling us to slow down and focus on Him and what is really important.

## Virtual Forum & Town Hall

Thank you for your extraordinary participation! Nearly 30,000 tuned in for the Town Hall.



### Virtual Ecumenical Worship Service

Thank you to our Former Supreme Basilei, International Chaplain Pamela Bates Porch and dynamic preacher, Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, for a spirit-filled and inspiring worship service. Nearly 10,000 sorors participated in worship.



Both the Town Hall and Ecumenical Service can be viewed on the official [Alpha Kappa Alpha YouTube channel](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- May 31:**            **2020 Virtual Commencement Ceremony**  
                         "A Celebration of Excellence"  
                         Stay tuned for additional details.

**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

**Soror Jasmine Adkins Moore**, Disaster Relief Committee Chairman

**Soror Robyn Jones**, Physician & Medical Director for Women's Health

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