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Algoma U Pandemic Task Force*

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MEMO: Algoma University Brampton Operations Update

TO: Brampton Faculty, Staff and Students

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As we continue to move through these unprecedented times, we recognize that the current pandemic is ever-evolving. This means we may be required from time-to-time to update existing practices to support our Algoma University community.

On Friday, November 6, the Ontario Government announced that the Peel Region would be moving to the Red Zone. The Red Zone - Control (stringent measures) is where restrictions are the most severe available before wide-scale business or organizational closure. This classification is from the Government's November 3rd announced [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontarians Safe](#).

The framework's goals for schools are to enable schools across the province to remain open and sustain a safe environment; the Brampton Campus continues to operate at a high level of safety and regard to the existing measures put in place.

On November 7, 2020, Peel Public Health released [additional recommendations](#) for the region.

After consultation with the City of Brampton and the other major post-secondary institutions in the Peel Region (Sheridan and U of T - Mississauga), all of which have confirmed they will not be further adjusting their operations, the Brampton Campus will remain open.

In addition to the existing protocols in place, the Brampton Campus will, for the next fourteen days:

- Only allow one on one meetings **As a reminder, all meetings should be pre-booked, no walk-in appointments will be allowed.*
- Study spaces will have a maximum capacity of two students at one time.
- Shared office spaces will not be occupied by more than two employees at a time.
- Aside from ongoing construction, only internal Algoma University community members (all employees/students) will be able to access campus spaces.
- Return to Campus planning to be paused until further notice (i.e. no additional days beyond current allocation to be added to employees on campus working days).
- Due to construction, the computer lab will remain closed for the next two weeks.

This decision will be closely monitored, and notice will be provided to our internal community when new information is made available.

We thank you for your continued adherence to these measures. Our collective efforts will continue to make a difference.

Should you have any questions, please email covid@algonau.ca.

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