



# COMMUNICATION MEMO

*Algoma U Pandemic Task Force*

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**MEMO: Algoma University Campus Updates - Provincial Lockdown Extension**

**TO:** Faculty, Staff and Students

**CC:** OSSTF & OPSEU, AUSU & SASA Presidents and Pandemic Taskforce

**FR:** Brianne Pringle, Director of Pandemic Planning/COVID-19

Today, the Ontario Government [announced](#) that Northern Ontario (Sault Ste. Marie/Timmins) will remain in lockdown for an additional 14 days extending the preventative lockdown measures put in place on December 26th to help keep case counts in Ontario from surging.

The Ontario government has reiterated the need for **everyone** to do their part in following public health orders. Our communities are being impacted and we urge the Algoma University community to continue to adhere to all measures put in place. Our collective efforts will make a difference.

The **Sault Ste. Marie Campus** will be **extending the current campus closure until January 25, 2021**. Some limited services will be available starting January 11th. Please see full details outlined below.

The **Timmins Campus** will follow Northern College's [direction](#) on closures and use of space.

As previously announced, the **Brampton Campus will remain closed until January 25, 2021**. All employees will continue working from home except for emergencies.

A *permission to be on campus list* has been generated to support essential services (i.e. Research, IT and Physical Plant). If you have not been notified that you are on the list, you are expected to work from home during this period.

## **WINTER 2021 SEMESTER UPDATE**

**Winter term classes will commence on Monday, January 18th** via asynchronous [Brightspace] and synchronous [technologically assisted instruction] delivery.

At present, those classes/laboratories originally scheduled for face-to-face instruction will be via technology assistance for the week of January 18th. Updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

## **SERVICE IMPACTS FOR SAULT STE. MARIE**

**Library** - will remain closed until January 25. Curbside pick-up will be available starting January 18.

**Computer Labs** - Will remain closed until further notice.

**IT** - To connect with an IT Service Desk team member, visit the IT Support portal page via [servicedesk.algomau.ca](https://servicedesk.algomau.ca), search our solutions for self serve options or submit an incident or service request. Should your request be of an urgent nature, submit a ticket and then call 705-949-2301 x 4450 or (888) 902-7866 during the hours listed below or start a chat session.

8:45am - 7:30pm Monday - Friday  
1:00pm - 4:00pm Saturday - Sunday

**Algoma University Bookstore** - resources will be available for curbside pick up beginning January 11th. You can also request to have your course material shipped to you. If you have any questions, please email [0922mgr@follett.com](mailto:0922mgr@follett.com).

**AUSU Food Pantry** - the AUSU Food Pantry will continue to be available for curbside pick up by appointment during this period.

**GLC** - will remain closed until January 25. A [separate communication](#) has been sent to GLC Members with this information.

**In-Person Meetings/Gatherings** - will not be permitted until further notice.

## **REMINDER ON TRAVEL OUTSIDE REGION SSM**

Effective December 26, 2020, and until further notice, **anyone who travels outside the Algoma region will not be permitted to come to campus for 14-days.** Students in residence who have travelled outside of the Algoma Public Health region will be required to follow an isolation protocol upon their return to residence.

## **UPDATE TO MASK POLICY**

Additional amendments have been made to the [mask policy](#), particularly around Employees, Guests and Students. Please review and should you have any questions, email [covid@algomau.ca](mailto:covid@algomau.ca)

### **ACCOMODATIONS/SUPPORTS**

As always, employees who require accommodation should contact their management officer. Students who require covid related accommodations should contact [covid@algomau.ca](mailto:covid@algomau.ca).

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

### **COVID-19 RELATED UPDATES**

For ongoing updates, please visit Algoma U's dedicated [COVID-19 page](#).

**STAY SAFE - STAY LOCAL - STAY HOME**

**Thunderbirds protecting Thunderbirds - Thunderbirds protecting Community**