



# COMMUNICATION MEMO

Department of People and Culture

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MEMO: Important **Algoma Public Health COVID Update**

TO: All SSM Students, Staff and Faculty

FROM: Brianne Pringle, Director People and Culture

Please take a moment to read this important message from Algoma Public Health regarding actions to protect yourself, your household and your workplace from the spread of COVID-19.

**Immediate Action Needed to Stop the Surge of COVID-19 in Algoma District (Sault Ste. Marie)**

*Fri, Nov 12, 2021*

Algoma Public Health is alerting all Algoma communities and residents of an increased risk of COVID-19 at this time due to local community transmission.

All Algoma residents and workplaces should immediately take the following actions to protect yourselves and fellow community members.

## **Actions to Protect Yourself, Your Household, and Your Workplace**

**1. Anyone who is sick, even with mild symptoms, must stay home and isolate away from others - *regardless of whether you have received the COVID-19 vaccine.***

**2. Cut back on unnecessary activities where you have unmasked, face-to-face close contact with people you don't live with. *Do this even if you are fully immunized, and especially if you have vulnerable health conditions or are not fully immunized.***

**3. Get your COVID-19 vaccine.**

Algoma Public Health's full release is linked [here](#).

### **Algoma University Resources:**

Algoma University's Vaccine Policy is linked [here](#). To review frequently asked questions regarding the vaccine policy, please click [here](#).

Should you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19, specific to Algoma University, please email [covid@algomau.ca](mailto:covid@algomau.ca)

As a reminder, employees and students are required to screen in daily and **if you are feeling unwell, please stay home.**

Wearing masks in all public spaces, remaining physically distant as much as possible and washing/sanitizing your hands frequently will reduce the spread of the virus.

### **Student Wellness Supports**

During this challenging time, please continue to support one another and please reach out directly to [Student Success](#) if you require additional support.

Additional resources that are available to you include:

- [Talk Campus](#) (24/ 7 peer support)
- [IM Well](#) (24/7 counselling)
- [Good 2 Talk](#) 24/7 Student Helpline (1-866-925-5454)

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

We thank all of you for your continued adherence to all measures in place. Our collective efforts will continue to make a difference.

**Thunderbirds protecting Thunderbirds - Thunderbirds protecting Community**

**WORK SAFE. STAY SAFE. BE SAFE**

Thank you,

**Brianne Pringle, CHRL** (she/her)

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*I wish to acknowledge that I am on the traditional lands of the Anishinabek Nation. I also acknowledge that I am on sacred lands set aside for education as envisioned by Chief Shingwauk for our children and for those as yet unborn.*