



COMMUNICATION MEMO

Department of People and Culture

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MEMO: Important COVID Updates for SSM Campus: *Surge of COVID-19 Triggers Additional Mandatory Measures in Algoma and in the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie*

TO: All SSM Students, Staff and Faculty

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Due to a recent surge in confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported across the Algoma Region and Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma Public Health (APH) is increasing area public health measures, including imposing capacity limits and physical distancing requirements at local businesses. Full details are noted below.

Prior to reading the update below, please ensure you have fully read the related [MEMO](#) that was circulated on Friday, November 12th, 2021.

Monday, November 15, 2021 - Algoma Public Health Update: *Surge of COVID-19 Triggers Additional Mandatory Measures in Algoma and in the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie*

In response to rapidly rising COVID-19 cases in Algoma, and especially in the municipality of Sault Ste. Marie, Algoma Public Health is taking further action to curb the spread of the virus, prevent severe illness and death in our communities, and protect health system capacity.

Algoma's Medical Officer of Health, with the support of the provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health, is taking the following three actions.

- 1. Legally ordering anyone in Algoma who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection, or who is identified as a close contact to follow isolation requirements and other public health direction.*
- 2. Requiring Sault Ste. Marie businesses and organizations to reinstate recently lifted provincial capacity limits and physical distancing requirements, and strengthening masking requirements both indoors and outdoors.*
- 3. Requiring anyone aged 12 years and older in Algoma to provide proof of identification and vaccination if they are entering an indoor facility to actively participate in, coach, officiate, volunteer, or spectate at an organized sport.*

The full release is available [here](#).

Algoma University Specific Updates and Resources:

Algoma University Vaccine Policy:

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

Arthur A. Wishart Library:

Wishart Library to Close Sundays (starting Sunday, November 21, 2021).

The Library will remain open:

- Mondays to Thursday 8:30 am to 10:00 pm
- Fridays 8:30am to 8:00pm
- Saturdays 11:00am to 4:00pm

Research Help: Our in-person research help desk will shift to Virtual Only. Please reach out to reference@algonau.ca.

Reminder of the following guidelines for the health and safety of all staff, students and visitors:

- Face coverings are required
- Please Scan in at Entrance
- Physical Distancing of 2 metres (6.5 feet)
- Disinfecting and Cleaning procedures will be in place
- Curbside Delivery is available for anyone wishing to use it. You can request books through your [library account](#) on [Omni](#)

George Leach Centre:

Please see the George Leach Centre update [here](#).

Student Success Central/ Student Wellness Supports:

Student Success Central including The Learning Centre in Sault Ste. Marie will be closed to in-person service from Nov. 16-19, 2021. Please know that our staff are still available to support your academic success. No matter where you are studying from, access to support services is available!

To help you navigate the information you might need from Student Success Central, continue to access the following QR code to help guide you to service access!

For **Sault Ste. Marie** students, click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code below:



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)
- Keep an eye on your email for a new FREE 24/7 support being launched this week

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.

We thank all of you for your continued adherence to all measures in place. Our collective efforts will continue to make a difference. Should you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19, specific to Algoma University, please email covid@algomau.ca

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

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