



COMMUNICATION MEMO

Pandemic Task Force

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MEMO: Important Update - Winter Semester COVID-19 Information - Update

TO: All Students, Staff and Faculty

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On December 17, 2021, a [communication memo](#) was sent to the University community regarding the Winter 2022 semester starting virtually on January 10th, with an anticipated return to on-campus programming/services on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Further information regarding access to services for the period between January 4th and 30th is noted below:

Campus Hours and Services (Jan 4-30):

Brampton Campus:

All buildings will be open from 8:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday. Campus buildings will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Rapid Antigen Testing Clinic will operate by appointment only. Please email bramptonoperations@algomau.ca to arrange an appointment time.

Access and Student card pick-up and returns will be put on hold until January 31, 2022.

Please note that health screening is still required every time you access campus.

Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

The Main Building will be open from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Access to the building is available through Doors U and Z only.

The CC Building will remain closed to the general public, but accessible through the East and West doors for those with approved swipe access.

The Rapid Antigen Testing Clinic will operate by appointment only. Please email covid@algomau.ca to arrange an appointment time.

Please note that health screening is still required every time you access campus.

In-Person Gatherings:

All in-person gatherings will be cancelled until January 30th, 2022.

Arthur A Wishart Library - Sault Ste. Marie:

The Library will be closed from January 4 to January 9.

The Library will reopen Monday, January 10th with the following schedule in place until January 30th:

Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30pm - Open

Saturday and Sunday - Closed

Virtual Services available for all campuses: library@algomau.ca

IT Services - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

Monday to Friday - 8 am to 7:30 pm

Sunday - 12 noon to 4 pm (virtual support)

IT Services - Brampton Campus:

Monday to Thursday - 8 am to 6 pm

Friday - 8 am to 5 pm

Cafeteria - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

The Cafeteria will reopen on Monday, January 4th. Tim Hortons will reopen on the first day of in-person classes.

Bookstore - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

The Bookstore will reopen on Monday, January 4th with operating hours as noted:

Monday through Thursday - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Maximum capacity of 3 people. Online orders can be picked up at the Bookstore or shipped to your home address.

Food Pantry - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

The Food Pantry will reopen on Monday, January 10th with the following operating hours:

Monday and Wednesday - 2pm to 7pm.

Appointments are still required. To visit the pantry, please use the calendar booking link here: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/selfsched?sstoken=UUwtMXh1azi2RThvfGRIZmF1bHR8YjA5OTcxODViZDM4NmVhMDVknjAyMjU2ZDZjOWI>

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Pantry Coordinator at: ausufood.pantry@ausu.algomau.ca

Residence - Sault Ste. Marie:

The Residence Housing Office will be available for package pick ups and other Residence Life supports on an on-call basis. Please contact the residence advisor on the RA cell phone for assistance. As always, support for maintenance issues is available by emailing resmaint@algomau.ca.

Student Success Central (including the Learning Centre):

Student Success Central virtual services available for all campuses:

studentsuccess@algomau.ca

Wellness and Counselling Services continue to be available 24/7:

<https://algomau.ca/health-services/>

Immigration Services: immigration@algomau.ca

Learning Centre: learning@algomau.ca

Academic Advising: advising@algomau.ca

Registration Inquiries: regoffice@algomau.ca

Travel - Employees:

Algoma University travel will be limited to essential travel only. Please work with your supervisor on any travel requests. Rapid Antigen testing will be required for any travel between Algoma University campuses. Contact covid@algomau.ca to book an appointment for a rapid test.

Important information on Vaccine Policy and Winter Semester timelines:

Don't miss these [key dates and next steps](#) to make sure you stay registered in your courses.

For questions or more information regarding the [vaccine policy](#) please contact our team at covid@algomau.ca. Please note that this email is monitored Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm only. It may take up to 48 hours for a response.

As a reminder:

In order to minimize the impact of the Omicron variant as best as possible, the Government has just announced that all Ontarians 18+ eligible for COVID-19 booster appointments at three-month intervals. See full details [here](#).

We understand that the pandemic continues to impact all aspects of our lives. Please find below resources to be able to help support you during this time:

[Student Resources](#)

[Employee Resources](#)

We thank you for your continued adherence to all measures currently 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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