



COMMUNICATION MEMO

Pandemic Task Force

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MEMO: Important Winter Semester COVID-19 Information - UPDATE

TO: All Students, Staff and Faculty

FROM: Brianne Pringle, Director, People & Culture

As we plan for the return of in-person, on campus activities and learning for both Brampton and Sault Ste. Marie campuses, please find updated details on services or changes to process that will be in effect as of February 7, 2022 below..

A copy of the President's message sent last Friday, the 21st of January, can be found [here](#).

For our Timmins campus family, please follow all Northern College directions on access to campus, screening, in-person learning and safety protocols.

Campus Hours and Services as of February 7, 2022 unless specified:

Brampton Campus:

All buildings will be open from 8:00 AM to 10:30 PM, Monday to Friday, and 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays.

Access and student card pick up and drop off will be available in the Welcome Centre from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Monday to Friday, and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Tuesday and Thursday.

All student services will be offered virtually at this time (see below for more information).

Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

The Main Building (Shingwauk Hall and North Wing) will be open from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Monday to Friday and 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM on weekends. Access to the building is available through Doors U and Z only.

The Convergence Centre will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday to Thursday and 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each Friday. The building will be closed on Saturday and Sunday. Access to the

building is available through the Main Entrance doors or by the East and West doors for those with pre-approved swipe access.

Entering campus:

Please ensure you have reviewed the changes to our [screening policy](#).

- Vaccine verification will be conducted by the Verify Ontario government app. Download your updated certificate with QR code through [here](#). Please ensure to have a piece of ID available to present at the door with the QR code.
- Health screening by the TrakrSafety app

Anyone entering campus will be asked to present their valid Verify Ontario Vaccine Information to the screeners. Individuals may also be asked to present their screening information.

It is recommended that to avoid crowding and line-ups, everyone completes the health screening prior to arriving on campus.

As a reminder, all failed health screenings will have to be investigated and approved by covid@algomau.ca before access to campus is granted.

For those Requiring Rapid Testing:

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

Changes to Mask Policy:

Please review the updated mask policy [here](#). Please note that scarves and balaclavas are no longer approved face coverings. We encourage everyone to wear 3 ply medical grade masks or layer your cloth mask with a medical grade mask.

In-Person Gatherings:

All in-person gatherings will be suspended until February 21, 2022.

Arthur A Wishart Library - Sault Ste. Marie:

Please review the following [memo](#) for full details on Library access.

IT Services - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM
Sunday: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM (virtual support)

Computer labs are open with limited capacity and based on the campus specific hours.

IT Services - Brampton Campus:

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Computer labs are open with limited capacity and based on the campus specific hours.

Cafeteria - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

Indoor dining will be allowed outside of the cafeteria and in the Speakeasy as of January 31st, 2022. Please note that capacity will be restricted to 50% as per public health regulations.

Beginning February 7th, the hours of operation for the Cafeteria and Tim Hortons will be as follows:

Cafeteria

Monday to Friday: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Take home meal options will be available for students looking for food outside of those hours*

Tim Hortons

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED

Bookstore - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

The Bookstore re-opened on Tuesday, January 4th with operating hours as noted:
Monday through Thursday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

George Leach Centre - Sault Ste. Marie Campus

The George Leach Centre will re-open as of January 31st. For full details on access, please review the [attached memo](#).

Food Pantry - Sault Ste. Marie Campus:

The Food Pantry reopened on Monday, January 10th with the following operating hours:
Monday and Wednesday: 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Appointments are still required. To visit the pantry, please use the calendar booking link [here](#).

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

Student Success Central (including the Learning Centre):

Student Success Central will be open Monday- Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Virtual appointments remain available for all campuses through one of the following alias:

Immigration Services: immigration@algomau.ca

Learning Centre: learning@algomau.ca

Academic Advising: advising@algomau.ca or by booking an appointment directly with your advisor through your student portal

Registration Inquiries: regoffice@algomau.ca

Unlimited access to Wellness and Counselling Services continue to be available 24/7:
<https://algomau.ca/health-services/>

Travel - Employees:

Algoma University travel will be limited to essential travel only. Please work with your management officer 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.

As a reminder:

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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