



# COMMUNICATION MEMO

Pandemic Task Force

**2022-02-25**

**MEMO: Important Winter Semester COVID-19 Updates**

**TO:** All Students, Staff and Faculty

**FROM:** Brianne Pringle, Director, People & Culture

As most are aware, the government of Ontario has restarted their reopening [plans](#). As we remain cautiously optimistic, Algoma University will be making some modifications to current COVID-19 protocols. It remains of the utmost importance that we remain cognizant and dedicated to our ongoing efforts to keep ourselves and those around us safe.

**Effective March 1, 2022, the following changes will apply:**

1. **Vaccine Policy** - The [Vaccine Policy](#) currently in place will continue to remain in effect.
2. **Vaccine Passports/Screening** - We will no longer require employees/students to verify their vaccination certificates upon entrance to campus. Screening will continue to be required.
  - The screening program, [TrakrSafety](#), remains the same
3. **Gatherings** - In an effort to return to some normalcy on our campuses, we are lifting the Gathering Form vetting process as indoor capacity limits go up to 50 people and 100 people outdoors for social gatherings. Please book gatherings through the [employee portal](#). The Registrar's office will be provided the updated gathering resource document and will ensure that all events will not exceed these new capacity limits.

**The Mask Policy will remain in effect:**

The updated mask policy can be found [here](#). Please note that scarves and balaclavas are no longer approved face coverings.

We require everyone to wear three-ply medical grade masks or layer your cloth mask with a medical grade mask. Wearing masks that provide better protection is a simple way for you to not only protect yourself but to also protect others.

All other items outlined in the February 4, 2022 [communication memo](#) remain in effect.

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](mailto:covid@algomau.ca)

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

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