



COMMUNICATION MEMO

Pandemic Task Force

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MEMO: **Important COVID-19 Updates**

TO: All Students, Staff and Faculty

FROM: Brienne Pringle, Director, People & Culture

As we look towards the start of the new academic year and begin to welcome new and returning students, faculty and staff to all three of our campuses, we wanted to provide an important update regarding pandemic-related health and safety on campus this fall.

The University continues to closely monitor and follow the direction of the Public Health teams where all three of our campuses are located ([Algoma Public Health](#), [Peel Public Health](#), [Porcupine Public Health](#)).

The Algoma University community has done a tremendous job in keeping each other safe throughout the course of the pandemic. We are excited to welcome students back to campus, to in-person learning and events. In order to keep each other safe during this time, we ask everyone to follow a few simple steps:

1. Continue to self-monitor and screen for symptoms before coming to campus. **If you are feeling unwell, stay home and get well!**
2. We are a **mask-friendly campus**. We encourage people to continue to wear masks, particularly in places where distancing cannot be maintained (such as events and classroom settings).
3. **Stay up-to-date with vaccines**. Public Health continues to emphasize being vaccinated is the number one defence against COVID-19. Vaccines are widely available at local pharmacies or through local clinics.

[Algoma Public Health](#)

[Peel Public Health](#)

[Porcupine Health Unit](#)

We must remain cognizant of continued developments associated with COVID-19 and dedicated to our ongoing efforts to keep ourselves and those around us safe. We all must be prepared to pivot should the need be required due to increased case counts or growing concerns as we enter the fall semester. This could include reinstating vaccination, masking and/or screening policies.

We thank you all for your ongoing commitment to keeping each other safe. 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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