



# COMMUNICATION MEMO

Pandemic Task Force

**September 6, 2022**

**MEMO: Important COVID-19 Updates**

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

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

Firstly, a warm welcome to all new and returning students! We are so excited to have you back on our campuses! As COVID-19 continues to evolve, we are committed to providing up-to-date communication and information as it pertains to COVID-19 related health and safety measures on our campuses.

Public Health authorities in Ontario have recently announced they are now treating COVID-19 like other respiratory illnesses such as the common cold and flu. As such, Algoma University will continue to follow [Ontario Public Health Guidelines](#) when it comes to [isolation requirements](#). Students and employees are being strongly encouraged to complete a daily self-assessment on the Algoma U [TrakrSafety](#) App before coming to campus. Students and staff are encouraged to continue to report symptoms or positive cases while on campus to help the college identify potential clusters of cases.

Algoma University will follow the same measures put in place by provincial government health authorities and ask that in order to keep each other safe during this time, that we follow a few simple steps:

1. Continue to self monitor and screen for symptoms before coming to campus. **If you are feeling unwell, and especially if you have a fever, 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. **If you experience symptoms or test positive for COVID-19, masks are highly recommended for 10 days** while you attend regular activities on campus.
4. Remember to **practice proper hand hygiene** - wash your hands often, and use the many sanitizing stations available throughout our campuses.

5. **Stay up-to-date with vaccines.** Public Health continues to emphasize being vaccinated is the number one defense against COVID-19. Vaccines are widely available at local pharmacies or through local clinics (details are found through regional health unit websites):

[Algoma Public Health](#)

[Peel Public Health](#)

[Porcupine Health Unit](#)

We are also currently finalizing the scheduling of campus immunization clinics in Sault Ste. Marie and Brampton.

We all must be prepared to pivot should the need be required. 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](mailto:covid@algomau.ca).

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

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