



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

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RCDHU Declares COVID-19 Outbreak at Algonquin College – Pembroke Campus

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU), is confirming that three staff at Algonquin College – Pembroke Campus have tested positive for COVID-19. Only one of these individuals will be added to RCDHU's confirmed cases. The other two individuals will not be reported in RCDHU numbers, as these individuals reside in a jurisdiction outside of Renfrew County and District. All staff and/or students who have been deemed to be close contacts of the positive cases, have been given direction to immediately self-isolate and arrange for testing. Algonquin College – Pembroke Campus remains open for in-person learning and/or operations and has been working collaboratively with the Health Unit to continue operating under its safety protocols that limit face to face services and instruction.

RCDHU determines whether a facility can remain open or must close, through contact tracing. When a positive case of COVID-19 has been deemed to be in only a sub-section of the facility, as is the case in this situation, the facility can remain open for in-person learning and/or operations in compliance with its established health and safety protocols. RCDHU is working closely with Algonquin College to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place to protect all staff and the public. RCDHU staff is actively investigating the cases and **all high risk contacts will be contacted for further instructions.**

If you have been directed to self-isolate, you are required to:

- Stay home. Do not go to work, school, child care, or public places. You can go outside, but you must stay on your own property. Do not walk around the neighbourhood.
- Avoid contact with others. No visitors unless deemed essential (e.g. care providers), stay in a separate room away from other people within your household, use a separate bathroom if possible.
- If these steps are not possible, maintain a distance of 2 metres from others at all times.
- Keep your distance. If you are in a room with other people, keep a distance of at least 2 metres and wear a mask or face covering that covers your nose and mouth.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** if you go to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/> or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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