

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

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

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is declaring the COVID-19 outbreak at Algonquin College – Pembroke Campus over, **effective Saturday evening**, **December 26**th, **2020**. RCDHU is confirming that no additional positive tests among students, staff, or close contacts at Algonquin College were received.

Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU, states that "It has been two weeks since an individual with COVID-19 was in the facility." Dr. Cushman and the staff at RCDHU want to thank the Algonquin College community, students, staff, and their families, for their cooperation. Prompt contact tracing and testing as well as strict compliance with public health directives have successfully contained the outbreak.

In addition to the new public health measures set out in the <u>provincial shutdown</u>, it is imperative that everyone do their part to keep the community safe; stay home if they are sick, celebrate only with members of their immediate household, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash their hands, use the COVID Alert App, and complete the COVID-19 <u>self-assessment tool</u> or COVID-19 <u>school screening tool</u> **daily** before going 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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