

Dear Colleagues and Learners,

Just as COVID-19 cases have risen in Ottawa and across the province, Algonquin College has also been affected. Algonquin has had its first case of COVID-19 affecting a student who has been on-campus. The student is self-isolating after testing positive for COVID-19 and we wish them a speedy and full recovery.

The College is working directly with Ottawa Public Health to assist them in contact tracing. Any members of the College community who may be directly impacted by this will be contacted accordingly.

Areas of the campus that the student may have visited are being identified and the necessary cleaning / disinfection measures applied.

Working with health authorities, the investigation will also examine whether this is a case of community transfer.

The health and safety of our community continue to be our top priority. I have full confidence in our campus health and safety plans and campus access procedures. COVID-19 cases have been documented at other post-secondary institutions in Ottawa and across Canada, and we could face additional isolated cases amidst our own population in the days, weeks and months ahead.

We all need to do our part to curb such instances by strictly adhering to public health regulations – through frequent hand-washing, not touching our faces, physical distancing and wearing masks.

We will continue to share information about any confirmed COVID-19 cases affecting our campuses. All additional cases will be announced on our new [site](#); please visit it any time for the latest update.

With our continued focus on remote learning and limited face-to-face activity, and renewed vigilance by those members of our community required to be on campus, I am confident we can continue to minimize the risk of cases.

Stay safe and healthy, everyone.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Claude Brulé", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claude Brulé,  
President, CEO  
Algonquin College