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**TO:** Boréal staff and community members  
**FROM:** Michel Doucet, Vice-president – Corporate Services  
**DATE:** Thursday, November 12, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** COVID-19: Current Status and Important Reminders

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Good afternoon,

The province is reporting an increased number of daily COVID-19 cases including in low population density communities.

Given this development, as of Monday, November 16, 2020, **masks will be mandatory in all common areas** (e.g. laboratories, workshops, classrooms, etc.) of our campuses and sites. While the college remains open, we feel it necessary to implement this additional security measure to ensure everyone's well-being. With regard to enclosed personal office spaces, the previous policy still applies (i.e. staff members must put on their mask before leaving their personal workspace).

Before gaining access to college facilities, individuals must read our safety guidelines and agree to comply with them. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action, including denial of future access to Boréal campuses and sites.

The decisions we make today will impact our communities in the future. We all need to come together to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- follow physical distancing guidelines;
- wear a mask;
- practise good hand hygiene;
- limit contact with others; and
- if you are feeling sick, stay home!

As of September 24, 2020, the Province of Ontario has updated the [eligibility and testing criteria](#) for COVID-19 [assessment centres](#). Stay informed and seek testing if necessary.

Visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#) regularly. There you will find our *Reopening Guide*, updates, and other important resources.

Thank you for your continued collaboration. Stay safe.

Michel Doucet