

# MEMO

**TO :** Boréal staff and tenants

**FROM :** Michel Doucet, Vice-president – Corporate Services

**DATE :** Thursday, March 11, 2021

**SUBJECT :** COVID-19 : Sudbury returns to grey zone (lockdown)

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Good Afternoon,

Earlier today the provincial government announced that **effective March 12<sup>th</sup> 2021**, the area covered by Public Health Sudbury and Districts will move back to grey zone (lockdown). At present, **all other campuses and sites remain unaffected** by the preceding announcement.

Through the implementation of an “Emergency Break”, the Ministry of Health is aiming to immediately interrupt the transmission of COVID-19, while allowing for a safe and gradual return of public health in accordance with the provincial framework. I would like to take this opportunity to remind our staff and students of some key changes imposed during a lockdown state:

- the campus will remain open for essential in-person learning activities with a mandated 10 person maximum capacity for laboratory instruction;
- internal and external public facing gatherings and events are prohibited, with the exception of individuals living alone who may consider having close contact with another household to limit the negative impacts of social isolation;
- face coverings are required on campus grounds, and in situations where physical distancing can not be maintained;
- adhere to proper hygiene practices by practicing frequent hand washing;
- stay home if you feel sick, and contact your local COVID-19 testing centre.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts has confirmed 13 new cases in its catchment area, bringing the number of active cases to 211. Please be advised that everyone in your household must stay home if anyone is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or is awaiting negative test results. For more information on updated screening criteria and household isolation information, please visit [screeningcriteria/COVID19](#). Collège Boréal remains actively engaged in the evolving COVID-19 situation and will ensure that new directives are communicated accordingly. In order to remain vigilant, we need to respect and adhere to all public health and workplace safety guidelines established by local and

provincial authorities. I encourage you all to continue with your positive efforts towards limiting the spread of COVID-19 and its active variants.

Although Collège Boréal's facilities remain open at this time, most staff will continue working from home and offering remote course delivery when possible. In order to comply with the provincial COVID-19 framework, Collège Boréal is continuously seeking to reduce gatherings, and encourage physical distancing on its campuses and within communities. The resumption of in-person learning and workplace activities will take place gradually, in accordance with local public health direction and initiatives. I would like to take this time to thank you for your ongoing effort and your essential support during these unprecedented times.

To learn about which public health measures are in place in your local community please visit [Ontario.ca/interventioncovid](https://ontario.ca/interventioncovid). For more information regarding the evolving situation in Sudbury and districts, please consult Public Health Sudbury and Districts at [phsd/COVID19](https://phsd/COVID19).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michel Doucet', is positioned above the printed name.

Michel Doucet