

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #103

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**Purpose of bulletin:** To keep local stakeholders informed about COVID-19 and its implications for Wellington County, Dufferin County and the City of Guelph (WDG).

All editions of this bulletin are posted on [our website](#).

**Current WDG Zone Level:** [Red-Control](#), ([O. Reg 263/20](#))

### Surveillance

- Information about [cases in WDG](#) can be found on our website
- Information about institutional outbreaks can be found in the [Retirement and Long-Term Care Outbreak Bulletin](#)
- Information about [vaccination progress in WDG](#) can be found on our website

### New and Amended Guidance

- Ministry of Education's [Operational Guidance for Child Care](#) (updated March 18)

### Vaccine Resources

- WDGPH's [Pre-Registration Poster for Workplaces](#)
- WDGPH's [Information About Vaccination Clinic Locations](#)
- PHO's [COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Ontario: December 14, 2020 to March 13, 2021](#)

### COVID-19 Long-Term Care Home Surveillance Testing Resources

- Updated Minister's Directive - [COVID-19 Long-Term Care Home Surveillance Testing and Access to Homes](#) (March 15)
- Updated FAQs - [Enhancing Protection for Long-Term Care Home](#) (March 15)
- Fact Sheet - [Surveillance Testing in Long-Term Care Homes](#) (March 15)

### Announcements and Changes to Services

- On March 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing \$933 million in 80 new long-term care projects, which will lead to thousands of additional new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province.
- On March 18, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that workers claiming EI regular benefits can now access up to a maximum of 50 weeks for claims established between September 27, 2020 to September 25, 2021 due to the pandemic.

- On March 17, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is making it easier for businesses to test for COVID-19 in the workplace by providing guidance to employees who want to self-swab for a rapid antigen point-of-care test on a voluntary basis under the supervision of a trained individual.
- On March 16, the [Government of Canada](#) announced a two-pronged approach to quarantine requirements for temporary foreign workers after March 21, 2021, based on their final destination.
- On March 16, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it has established the Staffing Supply Accelerator Group to help implement one of the largest health care recruitment and training programs in Ontario history.

## Additional Resources

- WDGPH's [Section 22 Order FAQs](#)
- PHO's [COVID-19: Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning \(HVAC\) Systems in Buildings FAQs](#)

## Contact Information for Additional Support

### WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

For health-related questions, including symptoms, close contacts or travel:

- Call 519-822-2715 ext. 7006
- Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For non-health related questions, including business or workplace concerns, social distancing/face covering questions or non-emergency reporting questions:

- Call 519-822-2715 ext. 4020
- Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For eligible priority groups needing vaccine registration and booking help: **(eligible priority groups are still strongly encouraged to [pre-register and book their appointments online](#) as much as possible as it will be the fastest way to get in the system. Call volumes to the Registration and Booking Help Line are extremely high. It may take 7-10 business days to receive a response. Please only call once and leave a message.)**

- Call 1-844-780-0202
- Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please do not call Public Health for your COVID-19 test results. Visit [how to get your COVID-19 test results](#).

### Local Assessment Centres and Testing

Visit our website for hours and information about [local assessment centres and testing](#).



## Reliable Information Sources

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health: [www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca](http://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca)

Ontario Ministry of Health: [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus)

Public Health Agency of Canada: [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)

Ontario Emergency Information: [www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information](http://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information)