

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #110

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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: [State of Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order](#)

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

Province Moves Schools to Remote Learning following April Break

The [Government of Ontario](#) has announced it is moving elementary and secondary schools to remote learning following the April break for an indefinite period of time. Child care for non-school aged children will remain open, before and after school programs will be closed and free emergency child care for the school-aged children of eligible health care and frontline workers will be provided.

Pre-Registration for COVID-19 Vaccine Now Open to Phase 3 Groups

Pre-registration for vaccinations is now open to Phase 3 groups in WDG. That means all residents (age 16+) of the region are eligible to pre-register for their vaccination.

As residents eligible under Phase 3 pre-register, it is important to remember that local vaccinations still follow the Province's vaccination framework. That means many residents who are Phase 3 eligible will likely not be vaccinated until June. However, pre-registering is still the best way for residents to ensure they receive a vaccine as soon as it is their turn. For more information on pre-registering for the COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca/register.

Province Issues Emergency Orders to Support Health System

The [Government of Ontario](#) has issued emergency orders to support the [redeployment of health care professionals and other workers](#) currently working in Ontario Health and Home and Community Care Support Services organizations to hospitals and to provide hospitals with the flexibility to [transfer patients to alternate hospital sites](#) in situations where a hospital's resources are at risk of becoming overwhelmed. These orders came into effect on April 9 and remain valid

for 14 days unless revoked or extended in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

Effective Monday, April 12, 2021, Ontario Health has also instructed hospitals to ramp down all elective surgeries and non-urgent activities in order to preserve critical care and human resource capacity.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On April 13, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is rolling out vaccines to "hot spot" regions across the province as part of Phase Two of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.
- On April 11, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is increasing capacity in its COVID-19 vaccine rollout with the addition of over 700 pharmacies across the province.
- On April 8, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that the Government of Canada is extending the support of the Canadian Red Cross in select long-term care and retirement homes in Ontario.

Additional Resources

- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #18](#) (April 12)
- PHAC's [At Home: Using Ventilation and Filtration to Reduce the Risk of Aerosol Transmission of COVID-19](#) (April 12)
- PHAC's [Using Ventilation and Filtration to Reduce Aerosol Transmission of COVID-19 in Long-term Care Homes](#) (April 12)
- PHO's [COVID-19 Real-World Vaccine Effectiveness: What we Know so Far](#) (published April 12)
- PHAC's [Entering Canada by Land During COVID-19](#) (April 9)
- PHAC's [Entering Canada by Air During COVID-19](#) (April 9)
- PHO's [Interim Guidance for Infection Prevention and Control of SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern for Health Care Settings](#) (updated April 6)
- Canadian Muslim COVID-19 Task Force's [COVID-19 and Ramadan Resources](#)

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 1-844-780-0202
- Available Monday – Saturday from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 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

Ontario Ministry of Health: www.ontario.ca/coronavirus

Public Health Agency of Canada: www.canada.ca/coronavirus

Ontario Emergency Information: www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information