

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #112

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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. **A new stat has been added to this dashboard: Variant of Concern Cases.**
- 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

### Extension of Stay-at Home Order and Emergency Orders

The Government of Ontario has extended the provincial declaration of emergency and the Stay-at-Home order ([O.Reg 265/21](#)) for an additional two weeks. The Stay-at-Home order is in place until May 5, 2021. In addition, effective Monday, April 19, the government is limiting the capacity of weddings, funerals, and religious services to 10 people indoors or outdoors. Additional measures being implemented are available in the [news release](#).

Emergency [orders currently in force](#) under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* have been extended until May 5. Orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, with the exception of [O.Reg. 241/20](#) (Special Rules Re Temporary Pandemic Pay), have been extended until May 20, 2021.

### Vaccine Resources

- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #19](#) (April 19)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccination in Pregnancy & Breastfeeding Patient Decision-Making Tool](#) (April 16)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccination in Pregnancy & Breastfeeding Clinical Support Tool](#) (April 14)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidance](#) (April 15)
- Ministry of Health's [Administration of AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (April 15)
- PHAC's [The Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (April 15)

## Local Case of the Brazilian Variant

On April 16, Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health released a letter to the community regarding the first local case of the Brazilian Variant. The [full statement](#) is available on our website.

## Announcements and Changes to Services

- On April 19, [Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health](#), issued a statement regarding expanding COVID-19 vaccination eligibility [at pharmacies](#) and primary care settings to individuals aged 40 and over.
- On April 18, [the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau](#) announced that the federal government is working to provide additional, emergency support to fight the COVID-19 outbreak in Ontario.
- On April 16, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that Ontario is receiving \$46 million to expand its efforts on virtual health care.
- On April 15, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced new red tape and burden reduction measures intended to minimize existing barriers on businesses and support a long-term recovery plan.
- On April 14, the [Government of Canada](#) announced the establishment of a Critical Drug Reserve, an additional safety net of key drugs used in the treatment of COVID-19 symptoms.

## Additional Resources

- [Tips for Caregivers of High-Risk Contacts](#) (updated April 19)
- [Reduce the Spread of COVID-19: Wash Your Hands Infographic](#) (April 19)
- [When to Self-isolate for Household Members](#) (April 15)
- [How to Care for A Child Who Needs to Self-Isolate](#) (April 14)

## 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.)

- 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](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)