

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #114

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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

### New and Amended Guidance Documents

- [Directive #3 for Long – Term Care Homes under the Long – Term Care Homes Act, 2007](#) (updated April 23)
- [COVID-19 Directive #2: Questions & Answers](#) (April 23)
- WDGPH's [Guidance for Eye Protection – Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, and Congregate Settings](#) (April 27)

### Long-Term Care Homes: Updated Rules and Orders

The Government of Ontario has amended orders [O.Reg 158/20](#) Limiting Work to a Single Retirement Home ([318/21](#)) and [O.Reg 146/20](#) Limiting Work to a Single Long-Term Care Home ([309/21](#)) to exempt fully immunized long-term care home and retirement home employees from restrictions that prohibit them from working in more than one home or healthcare setting.

Rules regarding admissions and transfers in long-term care homes have also been updated:

- For fully immunized residents with a negative laboratory-based test at the time of admission or transfer, no isolation is required.
- For partially immunized or unimmunized residents, a laboratory-based test is required at the time of admission or transfer, and the resident must isolate for a minimum of 10 days (reduced from 14 days) subject to a negative laboratory test taken on Day 8.

For more information read the [media release](#) from the Government of Ontario.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information: Website Updates

Find out what groups are currently receiving vaccine appointments from WDG Public Health at: <https://wdgpublichealth.ca/appointments>. This page will be updated as information changes so continue to check for updates.

A [pharmacy section](#) has been added to the local vaccination planning and updates page. This section has information on eligibility and booking your vaccination at a local pharmacy.

## Announcements and Changes to Services

- On April 29, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it will introduce legislation that would, if passed, require employers to provide employees with up to \$200 of pay for up to three days if they are missing work because of COVID-19. The province will partner with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board to deliver the program and reimburse employers up to \$200 per day for each employee. The proposed legislation would also enhance the existing [Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit](#) available to eligible employees.
- On April 28, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is taking further action to ensure hospital beds are available for COVID-19 patients in need of urgent care.
- On April 28, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing \$86 million to help train up to 8,000 personal support workers (PSWs) through private career colleges and district school boards.
- On April 26, the [Government of Ontario](#) passed Bill 269, *Protecting the People of Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2021* and enacted into law the next phase of the province's ongoing response to COVID-19.
- On April 26, the [Government of Canada](#) confirmed that it will be providing more help to Ontario in response to the province's request for assistance to support the ongoing fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On April 22, the [Government of Canada](#) announced new rules for some international travel.

## Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #20](#) (April 26)
- [Vaccine Dose Intervals](#) (April 23)

## 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 – Friday 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)