

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #115

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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

- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Farmers' and Fresh Food Markets](#) (May 5)
- NACI's [Recommendations on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (updated May 3)
- Government of Ontario's [Construction Site Health and Safety Guidance](#) (April 30)
- Government of Ontario's [Restaurant and Food Services Guidance](#) (April 30)
- [COVID-19 Directive #2: Questions & Answers](#) (April 30)
- Ministry of Health's [Guidance for Prioritization of Phase 2 Populations for COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (updated April 27)

Long-Term Care Homes Guidance Modified

Recently, an updated Directive #3 for Long-Term Care Homes was released, along with a [guidance document for long-term care homes](#). The updated Directive states that long-term care homes can now safely resume activities such as communal dining and indoor events and gatherings, with precautions.

Additionally, residents and their caregivers who are fully immunized may choose to have close physical contact beyond what is required for care and supervision, such as hugging. For more information read the Government of Ontario's [media release](#).

Pre-Registration for COVID-19 Vaccine

Launched earlier this week, our website now has a new "[Check My Pre-registration Status](#)" tool for people who have not yet received an appointment invitation or their first dose of the vaccine. This new tool will help people check that their pre-registration was successful and ensure there are no delays to booking their vaccination appointment as soon as one is available to them.

To follow Health Canada guidelines, our pre-registration is now open to all WDG residents currently 12 years of age and older. If an individual falls within multiple priority categories, choose the one highest on the list of categories on the pre-registration site.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On May 5, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is further expanding its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan with the launch of mobile vaccine units for small to medium-sized businesses in hot spot communities.
- On May 5, [Health Canada](#) authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in children 12 to 15 years of age.
- On May 4, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing more than \$2 billion in new supports to advance and protect public education for the 2021-22 school year to support learning recovery and renewal in response to the ongoing pandemic.
- On May 2, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it will further expand booking eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination appointments across the province.
- On May 1, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that Ontario has administered first doses of COVID-19 vaccines to 40 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over.
- On April 29, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is preparing to ramp up its rollout of COVID-19 vaccines to further support at-risk communities.
- On April 29, the [Government of Canada](#) announced an investment of \$2.25 million through the Immunization Partnership Fund (IPF) for two projects to support vaccination efforts.

Additional Resources

- [Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Post Vaccination in Ontario](#) (May 5)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #21](#) (May 3)
- [Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission: Final Report and Progress on Interim Recommendations](#) (April 30)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings](#) (April 29)

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

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