

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #116

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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 [Guidance for High-Risk Contacts of a Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case](#) (May 12)
- WDGPH's [Guidance for Household Contacts of Individual with COVID-19 Symptoms](#) (May 12)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants & Other Food Premises-Shutdown](#) (updated May 10)
- WDGPH's [WDGPH COVID-19 Testing & Clearance Guidance for Workplaces](#) (updated May 5)

Long-Term Care and Retirement Home Guidance

- [Screening Tool for Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes](#) (May 5)
- [COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario](#) (May 4)
- [COVID-19 Fact Sheet: Communal Dining, Indoor Activities and Social Gatherings](#) (May 4)
- [Retirement Homes Policy to Implement Directive #3](#) (May 4)

Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order

The Stay-at-Home Order ([O. Reg. 265/21](#)) has been extended until at least June 2, 2021. All public health and workplace safety measures under the [provincewide emergency brake](#) will also remain in effect. In addition, all publicly funded and private elementary and secondary schools in

the province will continue to operate under teacher-led remote learning and be assessed on an ongoing basis. For more information read the [media release](#) from the Government of Ontario.

Second Dose Appointments for COVID-19 Vaccine

Most people will be eligible to receive a second dose of vaccine 16 weeks after their first dose. Those who have not received a date for a second dose appointment or had an appointment cancelled, will hear from WDGPH several weeks prior to book an appointment. To see who is receiving second dose appointments and when, please visit the [Appointment Booking Status page](#) and scroll to the Second Doses chart.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On May 13, [Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, Associate Medical Officer of Health, WDG Public Health](#) issued a statement on the suspension of first doses of AstraZeneca.
- On May 13, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing one-time payments of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to support eligible small tourism and travel businesses struggling to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On May 12, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that Ontario has administered first doses of the COVID-19 vaccines to over 50 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over.
- On May 12, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced the launch of a new rapid testing portal to make it easier for all essential businesses to access free rapid testing to help keep employees and their families safe.
- On May 11, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced a pause on the rollout and administration of first doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine.
- On May 10, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is further expanding eligibility to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment throughout the week of May 10, 2021.
- On May 10, the [Government of Ontario](#) added high-risk health care workers to the list of those eligible to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine earlier than the extended four-month interval.
- On May 7, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced the launch of the COVID-19 Rapid Screening Initiative for small and medium-sized businesses across the province.
- On May 7, [the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau](#), announced additional funding for the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator which will help develop, produce, and distribute diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines to low-and-middle-income countries.
- On May 6, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing over \$432,000 in [Baycrest](#) to help people struggling with cognitive impairment as a result of COVID-19.

Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #22](#) (May 10)
- [Persistent Symptoms and Post-Acute COVID-19 in Adults – What We Know So Far](#) (published April 26)

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 vaccine registration and booking help:

- 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