

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #117

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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 After COVID-19 Testing](#) (May 19)
- Ministry of Health's [Guidance for Employers Managing Workers with Symptoms within 48 Hours of COVID-19 Immunization](#) (May 18)
- [Provincial School and Child Care Screening](#) (updated May 14)
- [Provincial COVID-19 Worker and Employee Screening](#) (May 14)

Vaccine Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #23](#) (May 18)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines: We Can All Help by Getting Vaccinated](#) (May 17)
- [COVID-19: Life After Vaccination](#) (May 14)

Ontario Releases Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen

The province has released its [Roadmap to Reopen](#), a three-step plan to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures based on the provincewide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health care indicators. Based on current trends, the government expects to enter Step One of the Roadmap the week of June 14, 2021. The province will confirm closer to the expected start of Step One. Publicly funded and private elementary and secondary schools in the province will continue to operate under teacher-led remote learning.

Effective May 22, Ontario will allow more outdoor recreational amenities to reopen, with restrictions in place. These amenities include but are not limited to golf courses and driving ranges, soccer and other sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, and skate parks. No outdoor sports or recreational classes are permitted. Outdoor limits for social gatherings and organized public events will be expanded to five people. For more information read the [media release](#) on the Government of Ontario website.

COVID-19 Guidance for Temporary Foreign Workers

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has developed an online course to help employers and temporary foreign workers in agricultural operations learn how to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 at work.

[Prevent the Spread of COVID-19: Guidance for Temporary Foreign Workers](#) is available for free in English, French and Spanish, and provides information for workers on the factors that significantly contribute to the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the workplace, the control measures to take to protect themselves while working, living and travelling to and from work, and what to do if they become sick with COVID-19.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Supports

WDG Public Health offers accessibility, accommodation and language supports at our vaccination clinics. To request accommodation, please call 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4020 or email access@wdgpublichealth.ca at least two business days before a scheduled appointment. WDG Public Health strives to meet all accommodation needs. For more information visit our [website](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On May 19, [Health Canada](#) authorized a submission from Pfizer-BioNTech to allow its COVID-19 vaccine to be stored at regular refrigerated temperatures (2-8°C) at the point of use for up to one month.
- On May 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is expanding inspections of manufacturing and food processing workplaces, warehouses and distribution centres in Ontario hot spots.
- On May 17, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is extending booking eligibility at mass immunization clinics to individuals aged 18 and over.
- On May 15, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is donating up to an additional 2,000 transport ventilators to India.
- On May 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing over \$1 million in financial relief to more than 300 resource-based tourism businesses operating at Ontario's provincial parks and conservation reserves.
- On May 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is adding 2,000 nurses to the health care system and expanding support for clinical education programs in long-term care homes.

Additional Resources

- PHAC's [COVID-19: Readiness Criteria and Indicators for Easing Restrictive Public Health Measures](#) (May 14)
- PHO's [Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Following Vaccination in Long-Term Care Homes & Retirement Homes in Ontario: December 14, 2020 to April 30, 2021](#) (published May 19)

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. **Closed on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24.**

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. **Closed on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24.**

For vaccine registration and booking help:

- Call 1-844-780-0202
- Available Monday – Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Closed on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24.**

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