

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #118

Date issued: May 27, 2021

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 [Child Care Provider Guidance](#) (May 25)
- Ministry of Health's [Guidance for Home and Community Care Providers](#) (May 21)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#) (May 21)
- Ministry of Health's [Considerations for Antigen Point-of-Care Testing](#) (May 21)
- Ministry of Health's [Considerations for Privately-Initiated Testing](#) (May 21)
- Minister's Directive [COVID-19: Long-Term Care Home Surveillance Testing and Access to Homes](#) (effective May 21)

Vaccine Resources

- [What You Need to Know About Viral Vector Vaccines](#) (updated May 26)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #24](#) (May 25)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: English](#) (May 19)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: Various Languages](#) (May 19)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: For Youth \(Age 12-17\)](#) (May 19)
- [What Youth Need to Know About their Appointment](#) (May 19)
- [How Do we Know the COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe? \(video\)](#)
- [How are the COVID-19 Vaccines Being Monitored for Safety? \(video\)](#)

Vaccine Clinics for Youth (12+) and Eligible Household Members

Communications about COVID-19 youth-focused clinics (for students 12-17 years of age and their eligible household members) have been distributed to students and families through our local schools. Please look for this communication from your child's school with details on how to pre-register and book an appointment.

Ontario Opens up Visits for Long-Term Care

Effective May 22, friends and family can visit long-term care homes to see residents for an outdoor visit. The Ministry of Long-Term Care has updated Directive #3, as well as the Ministry's [visitor policy](#) and [guidance document](#) to include the following direction:

- A maximum of two general visitors at a time per resident in addition to two essential caregiver(s)
- General visitors must be screened on arrival and not proceed beyond entry way of home
- General visitors need to maintain physical distancing and wear masks as well as maintain distance from other groups

Read the [media release](#) for more information.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On May 25, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing one-time funding of \$3 million to the Canadian Film Centre (CFC) as part of the province's efforts to support the film, television and new media industries during the pandemic.
- On May 25, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing in domestic medical technology manufacturing to ensure future preparedness.
- On May 21, [Dr. Nicola Mercer Medical Officer of Health and CEO of WDG Public Health](#) issued a statement on reopening our region.
- On May 21, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that COVID-19 vaccine booking is expanding to youth 12+ ahead of schedule
- On May 21, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that is proceeding with second dose administration of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, beginning with those who received their first dose of the vaccine between March 10 and March 19, 2021.
- On May 21, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is extending the temporary travel measures restricting entry into Canada by foreign nationals until June 21, 2021.

Additional Resources

- WDGPH's [Events and Gatherings Guidance and Restrictions](#) (updated May 25)
- PHO's [COVID-19 Transmission through Large Respiratory Droplets and Aerosols...What We Know So Far](#) (published May 20)

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