

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #70

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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).

Please note that all editions of this Bulletin are posted on our [website](#).

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 local assessment centres and testing is available on [our website](#)

New and Amended Guidance

- Ministry of Health's [Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting](#) (November 10)
- Ministry of Health's [Labour, Delivery and Newborn Care Guidance](#) (November 10)
- Ministry of Health's [Testing of Asymptomatic Persons in Pharmacies](#) (November 9)

WDG Current Status

Effective November 7, the [Ontario Government](#) announced Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health will be moved to the [yellow-protect \(strengthened measures\) level](#), as outlined in [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). Please review this framework to ensure your establishment follows any new sector specific public health and workplace safety measures. [Provincial COVID-19 workplace resources](#) are available for different sectors to help develop a workplace safety plan and provide links to guidance in various languages.

Headwaters Assessment Centre Location

As of November 10, the Headwaters COVID-19 Assessment Centre (Orangeville) is moving to inside the hospital in a designated room located near the Emergency Department at 100 Rolling Hills Drive.

Guidance Documents and Resources for Schools

The [school section](#) on the WDGPH website will continue to be updated with resources as they become available and are developed. Please be sure to bookmark the page, rather than save documents, to ensure you have the most up-to-date versions. Minor revisions are made as needed. Check out the school-related [frequently asked questions](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On November 12, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing an additional \$761 million to build and renovate 74 long-term care homes across the province, creating close to 11,000 safe and modern spaces.
- On November 10, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is proposing to give municipalities the flexibility to target property tax relief to small businesses and will match these reductions to provide small businesses with some \$385M in municipal and provincial property tax relief.
- On November 10, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that an agreement has been signed with BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) to purchase 7.6 million rapid, point-of-care, SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests for use on the BD Veritor™ Plus System and up to 2,172 analyzers.
- On November 10, the [Government of Canada](#) announced \$20 million in new funding to create a temporary Veterans Organizations Emergency Support Fund to provide financial support to Veterans organizations who have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, and are in need of immediate support.

Additional Resources

- [Infection Prevention and Control Hubs](#) (November 10)

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. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30.
- **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.

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