

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #79

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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](#).

Current WDG Zone Level: [Control – Red \(O. Reg 263/20\)](#)

Surveillance

- Information about cases in WDG can be found on [our website](#)
 - A feature has been added to [status of cases](#) to provide a comparison of COVID-19 cases by municipality. To view a case comparison map, click on 'Cases by Municipality'.
- 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

- Government of Ontario's [Child Care Centre Guidance](#) (December 14)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants and Other Food Premises](#) (December 11)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Checklist for Special Events and Gatherings](#) (December 11)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Sports & Recreation](#) (December 11)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance Checklist for Fitness Facilities & Studios](#) (December 11)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Winter Activities in the Community](#) (December 10)

School Resources

- The [School FAQ page](#) on our website has been updated.
- Public Health Ontario has developed a variety of resources to help staff and administrators address [COVID-19 prevention and control in schools](#).

WDG Current Status

Effective Monday, December 14, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health was moved to the RED (Control) level, as outlined in the provincial [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. For further details on

the regulatory requirements, please refer to [Ontario Regulation 263/20: Rules for Areas in Stage 2](#).

Stay Home for the Holidays

At this time of year families and friends usually gather to celebrate. But in 2020, just like the other holidays, we need to find different ways to enjoy the season while protecting each other and keeping our communities safe and healthy. Visit our [website](#) for ideas to help everyone have a safe holiday season.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On December 15, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is allocating an additional \$120 million to help municipalities and Indigenous community partners protect the health and safety of vulnerable people during COVID-19.
- On December 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that the first COVID-19 vaccinations were administered to frontline health care workers in Ontario
- On December 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing \$1.2 million in a skills training project through SkillsAdvance Ontario, in partnership with Carrefour communautaire francophone de London, to prepare 130 job seekers for careers in the French and English-language early childhood education sector.
- On December 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is updating the province's testing guidelines for outbound international travellers. Effective December 11, 2020, individuals requesting a COVID-19 test for international travel clearance are no longer eligible for a publicly funded COVID-19 test in Ontario.
- On December 14, the [Government of Canada](#) announced a contribution of \$230 million to procure COVID-19 treatments for developing countries in response to urgent priorities identified by the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, launched by the World Health Organization and partners.
- On December 11, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced a three-phase implementation plan to receive, store and administer COVID-19 vaccines to Ontarians as soon as they are received.
- On December 11, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is moving seven public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures.
- On December 10, the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) announced it is implementing a pan-Canadian no-fault vaccine injury support program for all Health Canada approved vaccines, in collaboration with provinces and territories.
- On December 10, [the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau](#) announced that the Government of Canada will cover 100 per cent of the cost of procuring vaccines for all Canadians, and the supplies needed to administer them.

Additional Resources

- [COVID-19: We're Doing This for This](#) (Video)
- [COVID-19: How Vaccines are Developed](#) (Video)

- NACI's [Recommendations on the Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (December 12)
- [Ontario's Vaccine Distribution Plan](#) (December 11)

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 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.

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