

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #83

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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: [Provincewide Shutdown – Grey](#), ([O. Reg. 82/20](#))

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](#)

Online Learning Extended in all WDG Schools

This morning, Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, instructed all local school boards and private schools to extend online-only learning for all schools until at least January 24, 2021. Schools have been further instructed to continue in-person support for students with special education needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning. Visit our website to read the full [media release](#).

These instructions will be evaluated on an ongoing basis to determine when schools can be safely re-opened. The text of Dr. Mercer's instructions can be viewed at:

<https://www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca/your-health/covid-19-information-public/current-public-health-measures-and-restrictions>.

School Resources

- Public Health Ontario's [Cold Weather Tips for Schools](#)
- Public Health Ontario's [COVID-19 Prevention Measures in K-12 Schools: Optimizing Screening and Masking](#)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On January 7, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced the extension of certain measures to keep students, education staff, and residents of Ontario safe.
- On January 6, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced the launch of a new, voluntary and free border testing pilot program at Toronto Pearson International Airport for eligible

international travellers returning to Ontario to help quickly identify and stop the spread of COVID-19 in the province.

- On January 6, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing \$5.3 million, provided through the federal [Forest Sector Safety Measures Fund](#), to help small and medium sized forest sector businesses offset the cost of COVID-19 safety measures.
- On January 5, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is continuing the rollout of Phase One of its vaccine implementation plan by ensuring that all residents, health care workers and essential caregivers at long-term care homes in the priority regions of Toronto, Peel, York and Windsor-Essex receive a COVID-19 vaccination by January 21, 2021.

Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #5](#) (January 6)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #4](#) (December 23)
- [You Were Tested for COVID-19: What You Should Know](#) (December 23)

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 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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.

Please do not call Public Health for your test results. Visit [how to get your COVID-19 test results](#).

Reliable Information Sources

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health: www.wdgppublichealth.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