

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #86

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

Please note that [Ontario Regulation 82/20](#) was amended on January 14, 2021 to include the additional measures announced by the [Government of Ontario](#), as outlined in [Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown](#).

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

- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance: Overview for Farms/Agri Food Businesses](#) (January 18)
- PHAC's [COVID-19: Guidance on Indoor Ventilation During the Pandemic](#) (January 18)
- Government of Ontario's [COVID-19 Construction Guidance](#) (January 14)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Outdoor Activity](#) (January 13)

Ontario Extends Reopening Ontario Act Orders

On January 16, the [Government of Ontario](#) extended most orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) for another 30 days. Most of the orders under the ROA are extended to February 19, 2021, with the exception of O. Reg. 75/20 (Drinking Water Systems and Sewage Works) which is not being renewed. O. Reg. 82/20 (Rules for Areas in Stage One) was amended to ensure government infrastructure projects are able to continue as essential construction activities. The list of orders under the ROA can be found [on the Government of Ontario's website](#).

Changes to Pfizer Vaccine Production Prompt Changes to WDG Public Health Vaccination Plan

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health is making changes to its COVID-19 vaccination program in response to Pfizer's recent production announcement. The pausing of some

production lines at Pfizer's facility in Belgium to increase overall capacity will be felt in Ontario and affect deliveries to Guelph for a short period of time. For more information, read the full [media release](#) on our website.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On January 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing up to \$125 million to immediately add over 500 critical care and high intensity medicine beds to hospitals in areas with high rates of COVID-19 transmission.
- On January 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that starting January 25, francophone non-profit organizations can begin applying for financial assistance from the \$1 million COVID-19 Relief Fund.
- On January 15, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced applications have opened for the [new Ontario Small Business Support Grant](#).
- On January 15, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it has hired more case managers and contact tracers, building the provincial workforce to 1,600 by February 15, 2021.
- On January 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing up to \$3 million through the Equine Hardship Program to help horse experience businesses cover animal maintenance costs incurred from COVID-19 disruptions.
- On January 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing \$375 million through the Gas Tax program to help 109 municipalities across the province operate and expand public transit.

Additional Resources

- WDGPH's [Stay-at-Home Order and FAQ's](#)
- PHO's [Negative Impacts of Community-based Public Health Measures on Children, Adolescents and Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Update](#) (January 11)
- PHO's [Singing and Playing Wind Instruments – Environmental Scan Related to COVID-19](#) (January 8)
- PHO's [Use of Portable Air Cleaners and Transmission of COVID-19](#) (December 31)

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

Please note that our call centre is experiencing higher than normal call volumes due to the stay-at-home order and enhanced measures and restrictions.

- 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.

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.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