

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #94

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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: [Red-Control](#), ([O. Reg 263/20](#))

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 [vaccination progress in WDG](#) can be found on our website

New and Amended Guidance

- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations](#) (updated February 12)
- NACI's [Guidance on the Prioritization of Key Populations for COVID-19 Immunization](#) (updated February 15)

WDG Public Health Returns to a Revised Framework

As of February 16, WDG Public Health has returned to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) under Red-Control and is no longer subject to the Stay-at-Home order. Read the [media release](#) from the Government of Ontario regarding the transition of health regions to the framework.

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Regional Vaccination Clinic Plan

On Wednesday, February 10, WDG Public Health presented a robust plan for mass COVID-19 immunization clinics to Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force; the plan received a strong endorsement from the Task Force.

The program is ready to execute as soon as additional vaccine doses become available. This vaccination program is committed to vaccinating at least 75% of the population aged 16 years and over against COVID-19 by early August 2021. For more information on this plan visit [our website](#).

Webinar for Congregate Living Settings

A webinar about the Ministry of Health's Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) initiative is being held on Tuesday, February 23, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. for congregate living settings. The webinar will focus on IPAC Hubs and the support they can offer.

Please note this webinar is intended specifically for congregate living organizations/settings, such as assisted living, residential settings, shelters, and supportive housing funded and overseen by the Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) within the Ontario Health West Region. For more information or to register for this event click [here](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On February 16, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing up to \$118,500 to develop specialized COVID-19 resources to better protect the health and safety of temporary foreign workers and others employed in the agri-food sector.
- On February 16, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that during the next sitting of the legislature it plans to continue its response to COVID-19 while laying the foundation for a strong economic recovery
- On February 12, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is restarting in-vehicle passenger road tests on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at most DriveTest centres across the province.
- On February 12, the [Government of Canada](#) announced further testing and quarantine requirements for international travellers arriving to Canada's air and land ports of entry.
- On February 12, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that it has negotiated an accelerated delivery schedule for Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine, and will receive all 40 million of its secured doses by the end of September.
- On February 12, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is increasing Canada's capacity to find and track variants in the country by investing \$53 million in an integrated Variants of Concern Strategy.
- On February 12, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is deploying test kits to more essential workplaces and sectors in order to quickly identify and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Additional Resources

- PHAC's [COVID-19 Guidance for Schools Kindergarten to Grade 12](#) (updated February 12)
- PHAC's [Guidance for Post-Secondary Institutions During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (updated February 12)
- [COVID-19 Worker and Employee Screening](#) (updated February 12)
- [COVID-19 Customer Screening](#) (updated February 12)
- [Entering Canada by Land During COVID-19](#) (February 12)
- [Entering Canada by Air During COVID-19](#) (February 12)

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.

Please do not call Public Health for your 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