

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #24

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Purpose of bulletin: To keep local stakeholders informed of the quickly-evolving novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and its implications for Wellington County, Dufferin County and the City of Guelph (WDG).

Due to the evolving nature of the situation, further updates may be forthcoming. For more information visit www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca

Surveillance

- Information about cases in WDG can be found on [our website](#) and information about institutional outbreaks can be found in our [Retirement and Long-Term Care Outbreak Bulletin](#).
- Information about local assessment centres and testing criteria is available on [our website](#).

New or Amended Guidance Documents and Directives

- **Updated:** Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update](#) [June 2]
- **Updated:** WDGPH [COVID-19 Guidance: Emergency Child Care Centres and Providers](#) [June 2]

Ontario Extends Emergency Declaration

The [Ontario government](#) has extended the Declaration of Emergency under s.7.0.1 (3) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, until June 30, 2020. Please be aware that there is the potential for the Ontario government to extend the declaration past this date, if deemed necessary.

Current emergency orders that fall under this declaration continue to be in effect until June 9, 2020 (with the possibility of extension, if deemed necessary) and include the closure of outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment, public swimming pools and outdoor water facilities, as well as bars and restaurants except for takeout and delivery. Additionally, there continues to be restrictions on social gatherings of more than five people, and staff redeployment rules remain in place for long-term care homes and congregate settings like retirement homes and women's shelters. A full list of the emergency orders that have been extended is found [here](#).



Physical Distancing Floor Decals

- WDGPH has physical distancing floor decals available for community partners to use at their locations.
- If you would like decals, please contact Meghan Wiles via email at meghan.wiles@wdgppublichealth.ca

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On June 4, the [Government of Ontario](#) appointed Dr. Jane Philpott as the special advisor to support the design and implementation of the new Ontario Health Data Platform (formerly known as PANTHR). This data platform will provide recognized researchers and health system partners with access to anonymized health data that will allow them to better detect, plan and respond to COVID-19.
- On June 3, [Transport Canada](#) announced the expansion of requirements for the use of face coverings by workers and others involved in the transportation system to reduce the risk of COVID-19. The measures will be implemented through a combination of mandatory orders and guidance and apply to the aviation, rail, marine and road sectors.
- On June 2, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced financial support for local manufacturers through the Ontario Together Fund to re-tool processes and increase capacity to make personal protective equipment (PPE).
- On June 2, the [Government of Ontario](#) issued a Mandatory Management Order appointing St. Mary's General Hospital, a member of St. Joseph's Health System in Kitchener, to temporarily manage Forest Heights long-term care home for 90 days. The order may be extended beyond the 90 days, if necessary.

Health and Safety Sector-Specific Guidance

[Sector-specific guidelines and posters](#) continue to be updated to help protect workers and the public from COVID-19. Examples include child care, construction, retail, food retail, outdoor recreation, health care, office, personal and animal services, social services, and more.

Additional Resources

- **New:** PHAC's How the National Microbiology Laboratory tests for COVID-19 [video](#) [June 3]
- **New:** PHAC's COVID-19: How to wear a non-medical mask or face covering properly [video](#) [June 2]
- **Updated:** Government of Ontario's Temporary Pandemic Pay [website](#) [June 2]

Contact Information for Additional Support

Updated: 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. – 6:00 p.m. and weekends from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- **For non-health related questions**, including business or workplace concerns, social distancing 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