

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #28

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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 the [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

- **New:** [COVID-19 Advice: Religious Services, Rites or Ceremonies](#) [June 15]
- **Updated:** [WDGPH COVID-19 Guidance for reopening businesses](#) [June 18]
- **Updated:** [WDGPH COVID-19 Checklist for reopening businesses and workplaces](#) [June 18]

COVID-19 Testing

Please go to an [Assessment Centre](#) to get tested. Public Health **DOES NOT** provide testing. No referral is needed. **Bring your health card to the assessment centre** (if you have one). It is OK if it is expired. Presenting your health card allows you to:

- Check your test results online. Public Health only calls those who test positive.
- Be treated or prescribed medication for other respiratory conditions if needed and if this option is available at your assessment centre.
- Move through the testing process faster.

Further instruction will be provided by the clinician at the assessment centre based on individual assessment. Be prepared for increased wait times at the assessment centres.

Ontario Extends Emergency Orders

The [Government of Ontario](#) has extended all emergency orders currently in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act until June 30, 2020. Staff redeployment rules remain in place for long-term care homes and congregate settings like

retirement homes and women's shelters. The government will continue to review all orders on an ongoing, case-by-case basis to determine when and if they can safely be adjusted or lifted, as part of the province's framework to safely reopen the province. A full list of the emergency orders and related amendments that have been extended can be found [here](#).

Workplace PPE Suppliers

The Government of Ontario has a dedicated [PPE supplier directory](#) for workplaces. The directory provides a list of companies that sell personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies.

Face Coverings Required for Commercial Businesses in WDG

Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health, has issued an order under Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act. A face covering is required for any customer, patron, employee or visitor when entering and while on the premises of any commercial establishment in the WDG region, effective 12:01 a.m. on June 12, 2020. The order will be in effect until rescinded. For more details on the order and frequently asked questions, [visit our website](#) or contact our call centre at 519-822-2715 ext. 4020.

Guidelines for Reopening

Don't forget to check out the ever-evolving updates about reopening on our website.

Quick Links:

- [General Workplaces and Businesses](#)
- [Child Care Providers](#)
- [Summer Day Camps](#)
- [Personal Service Settings](#)
- [Recreational Water Facilities](#)
- [Water Quality for Reopening Buildings](#)



Physical Distancing Floor Decals

- WDG Public Health 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

Health and Safety Sector-Specific Guidance

Sector-specific guidelines and posters to help protect workers and the public from COVID-19 are available from the Government of Ontario. These [guidance documents](#) are being posted and updated as they become available, so check back regularly.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On June 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced plans to enhance case and contact management to quickly test, trace and isolate cases of COVID-19 to stop the spread of the virus and prepare for any potential future waves. These additional measures include a comprehensive case and contact management strategy, *Protecting Ontarians through Enhanced Case and Contact Management*, and, in partnership with the federal government, a new made-in-Ontario national app called COVID Alert.
- On June 17, the [Government of Ontario](#) passed the *Protecting Small Business Act*, temporarily halting or reversing evictions of commercial tenants and protecting them from being locked out or having their assets seized during COVID-19. The legislation applies to businesses that are eligible for federal/provincial rent assistance for evictions from May 1, 2020 until August 31, 2020.
- On June 17, [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#) announced that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$10 million in emergency assistance for beef and hog farmers. The funding will help cover the increased costs of feeding market ready cattle and hogs due to COVID-19 related processing delays, while redirecting surplus pork products to help those in need.
- On June 17, [Parks Canada](#) announced that starting June 22, 2020, some camping services will be available at select national parks and national historic sites. Initially, camping will be available only to visitors with existing reservations. Parks Canada will gradually begin to accept new online reservations for some campgrounds over the coming weeks.
- On June 16, the [Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau](#) announced that the government is extending the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) by eight weeks, to ensure Canadians have the help they need as they transition back to work. This extension will make the benefit available to eligible workers for up to a total of 24 weeks.

Additional Resources

- **Updated:** PHO's How to Care for Pets and Other Animals - COVID-19 [information sheet](#) [June 15]

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

Please note that our call centre is no longer available on Sundays, and hours are changing as of June 22.

- **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 Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **As of Monday, June 22, the call centre will only be available from Monday – Saturday 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.

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