

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #30

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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

- **Updated:** WDGPH's [Guidance: Child Care Centres and Providers](#) [June 25]
- **Updated:** WDGPH's [Guidelines for Personal Service Settings](#) [June 24]
- **New:** WDGPH's [Guidance for Hair Salons and Barbershops](#) [June 24]
- **New:** WDGPH's [Guidance for Nail Salons and Spas](#) [June 24]
- **New:** WDGPH's [Guidance for Tattooing and Body Piercing](#) [June 24]
- **Updated:** Government of Ontario's [Agriculture Sector Guidance](#) [June 24]
- **Updated:** Government of Ontario's [Manufacturing Sector Guidance](#) [June 23]
- **Updated:** Government of Ontario's [Construction Sector Guidance](#) [June 23]
- **Updated:** Government of Ontario's [Restaurant and Food Services Guidance](#) [June 23]
- **Updated:** Government of Ontario's [Food Manufacturing and Processing Guidance](#) [June 23]

Ontario Extends Declaration of Emergency

The [Government of Ontario](#) has extended the provincial Declaration of Emergency under s.7.0.7 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to **July 15, 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 30, 2020 (with the possibility of extension, if deemed necessary). Emergency orders include those

allowing frontline care providers to redeploy staff to other areas, limiting long-term care and retirement home employees to working at one home, and enabling public health units to redeploy or hire staff to support the province's enhanced case management and contact tracing strategy. A full list of emergency orders can be found [here](#).

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.

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](#)
- [Food Premises and Events](#)
- [Child Care Providers](#)
- [Summer Day Camps](#)
- [Personal Service Settings](#)
- [Recreational Water Facilities](#)
- [Water Quality for Reopening Buildings](#)
- [Sport and Recreation Settings](#)



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 24, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that they are allowing Windsor-Essex to move into Stage 2 of reopening on Thursday, June 25, with the exception of the Municipality of Leamington and the Town of Kingsville. This is due to the higher transmission rates in the local agriculture and agri-food sector in that area.
- On June 24, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced a three-point plan to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 on farms throughout Windsor-Essex. The three-point plan includes: ongoing and expanded on-site testing; access to employment benefits and supports; new public health guidance allowing positive asymptomatic workers to continue working as long as they follow the public health measures in their workplace to minimize the risk of transmission to others.
- On June 24, the [Government of Ontario](#) launched the 2020-21 edition of the Francophone Community Grants Program to support Ontario's francophone businesses and community organizations, as well as those that serve French-speaking Ontarians. This grant program will support these businesses through recovery from the pandemic.

Additional Resources

- **Updated:** Government of Ontario's [Workplace Safety Plan](#) [June 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 – 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