

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #100

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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 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#) (updated March 5)
- Ministry of Health's [Considerations for Privately-Initiated Testing](#) (March 5)

School and Child Care Resources

- WDGPH's [Guidance for Children/Staff who are High Risk Contacts of a Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case](#) (March 5)
- WDGPH's [High-Risk Contact Letter for Students](#) (March 5)
- WDGPH's [Tips for Caregivers of Children Requiring Self-Isolation](#) (March 5)
- WDGPH's [Symptomatic Student Information](#) - French version, letter to parents (February 19)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On March 8, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced Ontario colleges are now accepting applications to Ontario's new accelerated free training program for personal support workers (PSWs) in response to the impact of COVID-19.
- On March 8, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it has reached a key milestone in protecting remote and isolated Indigenous communities against COVID-19.
- On March 8, the [Government of Canada](#) announced the launch of the [Vaccine Community Innovation Challenge](#).

- On March 5, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is preparing to move into Phase Two of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan next month, with a focus on vaccinating populations based on age and risk.
- On March 4, [Health Canada](#) announced that it has authorized the COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Janssen Inc.

Additional Resources

- WDGPH's [Answers to your COVID-19 Vaccine Questions](#) (updated March 8)
- Ontario's [Vaccination Plan](#) (updated March 5)
- Health Canada's [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine: What You Should Know](#) (March 5)

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.

For eligible priority groups needing vaccine registration and booking help: **(eligible priority groups are still strongly encouraged to [pre-register and book their appointments online](#) as much as possible as it will be the fastest way to get in the system)**

- Call 1-844-780-0202
- Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (messages will be returned within 1-3 business days)

Please do not call Public Health for your COVID-19 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