

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #105

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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: [Orange-Restrict](#), ([O. Reg 364/20](#))

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 [Point-of-Care Testing Use Case Guidance](#) (March 23)
- Ministry of Health's [Extension of the Second Dose Interval](#) (March 19)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19: Guidance for Prioritization of Phase 2 Populations for COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (updated March 23)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On March 24, the [Minister of Finance](#) released the 2021 Budget: [Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#), the next phase of Ontario's response to COVID-19.
- On March 24, [Health Canada](#) updated the product monograph for the AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines to provide information on very rare reports of blood clots associated with low levels of blood platelets following immunization with the vaccine.
- On March 24, the [Government of Canada](#) announced an investment of \$60.8 million to fund over 3,000 community-based projects to support seniors across the country during the pandemic.
- On March 23, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing \$3.7 million as part of the *2021 Budget* to help seniors and people with disabilities get their COVID-19 vaccinations, where transportation is a barrier.
- On March 23, the [Government of Canada](#) announced \$23.7 million for the Province of Ontario to operate a number of safe, voluntary isolation sites in various communities

identified under Ontario's High Priority Community Strategy to help residents in the province who have COVID-19, or have been exposed to COVID-19, access safe accommodations.

Additional Resources

- [WDGPH Tips for Caregivers of Children Requiring Self-Isolation](#) (updated March 24)

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 volumes to the Registration and Booking Help Line are extremely high. It may take 7-10 business days to receive a response. Please only call once and leave a message.)**

- Call 1-844-780-0202
- Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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.wdgppublichealth.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