

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #109

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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: [State of Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order](#)

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

- [Directive #3 for Long – Term Care Homes under the Long – Term Care Homes Act, 2007](#) (April 7) * link may not be updated at time of publication
- [Directive #5 for Hospitals within the meaning of the Public Hospitals Act and Long – Term Care Homes within the meaning of the Long – Term Care Homes Act, 2007](#) (April 7)
- [WDGPH COVID-19 Guidance for Weddings](#) (updated April 7)

Provincial Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order

The [Government of Ontario](#) is immediately declaring a third [provincial emergency](#) under s 7.0.1 (1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA). This is in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission, the threat on the province's hospital system capacity, and the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants.

Effective Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., a province-wide Stay-at-Home order came into effect. This order requires everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely. In addition, the province is also strengthening public health and workplace safety measures for non-essential retail under the [provincewide emergency brake](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On April 8, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing \$10 million to allow more farmers and agri-food operators to purchase personal protective equipment, enhance cleaning and disinfection and redesign workstations to better protect workers.
- On April 8, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is introducing new measures to protect schools against COVID-19 which include refresher training, enhanced cleaning and asymptomatic testing.
- On April 7, the [Government of Canada](#) announced financial support of up to \$12.2 million through the Emergency Processing Fund for 42 meat processing companies in Ontario to manage health and safety during the pandemic.

Additional Resources

- NACI's [Statement on Extended Dose Intervals for COVID-19 Vaccines to Optimize Early Vaccine Rollout and Population Protection in Canada in the Context of Limited Vaccine Supply](#) (April 7)
- NACI's [Summary of Extended Dose Intervals Statement of April 7, 2021](#)
- WDGPH's [Events and Gatherings During Provincial Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order](#) (April 8)
- PHAC's [Individual and Community-Based Measures to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 in Canada](#) (April 7)

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 – Saturday from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 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.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