

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #121

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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](#).

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 or Amended Guidance

- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants & Other Food Premises- Reopening](#) (updated June 14)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Food Establishments: Contact Information for Patrons](#)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Weddings](#) (June 10)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Places of Worship](#) (June 10)
- [Retirement Homes Policy to Implement Directive #3](#) (June 7)

Myths and Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccines

A new webpage has been added to our website to address some common misinformation surrounding the COVID-19 vaccines. Visit <https://wdgpublichealth.ca/your-health/covid-19-information-public/covid-19-vaccine-information/myths-and-facts-about-covid-19> for factual information debunking the myths circulating in our community about the vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine Youth and Parent Information Night

A presentation for youth and their parents/caregivers about Public Health's COVID-19 vaccination program was given on Monday, June 14 by Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, AMOH, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health. The event was recorded and can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ouiPBb64wU>

Second Dose Appointments

We are currently offering second dose appointments as per the provincial eligibility criteria. Visit our [website](#) for information on who is eligible to book and when to call for an appointment through Public Health. Anyone who is eligible based on the provincial criteria may also book their second dose at a pharmacy or with their healthcare provider if they are offering it, regardless of where the first dose was administered.

Vaccine Resources

- PHAC's [Ask the Experts Video Series: COVID-19 Vaccines Questions](#) (June 15)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #27](#) (June 14)
- Ministry of Health's [AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD COVID-19 Vaccine Second Dose Q&A for Health Care Providers](#) (June 14)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Individuals that Received a First Dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine/COVISHIELD Vaccine](#) (June 14)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Vaccine Series Second Dose Eligibility Quick Reference](#) (updated June 14)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On June 17, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is continuing to accelerate its vaccine rollout by expanding eligibility for second doses ahead of schedule.
- On June 12, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is further accelerating the second dose interval for individuals who received their first dose of an AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to eight weeks, with informed consent, from 12 weeks.
- On June 11, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced is investing \$141 million to extend the temporary wage increase for personal support workers and direct support workers in publicly funded home and community care, long-term care, public hospitals, and social services sectors to help retain the workforce needed to provide care during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On June 11, [Health Canada](#) announced that after a quality review, it would not be releasing the Janssen vaccines that are currently in quarantine
- On June 10, the [Government of Ontario](#) declared Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph a Delta variant hotspot.

Additional Resources

- PHAC's [Video: Limit the Spread of COVID-19](#) (June 16)
- PHO's [Pre-camp Planning: COVID-19 Preparedness and Prevention for Overnight Camps Checklist](#) (updated June 16)
- PHO's [COVID-19 B.1.617 Variant of Interest – What We Know So Far](#) (published June 16)
- PHO's [Daily Camp Operations: COVID-19 Preparedness and Prevention for Overnight Camps Checklist](#) (updated June 16)

- PHO's [How to Protect Yourself from COVID-19](#) (updated June 15)
- PHAC's [COVID-19: Plan a Safe Holiday or Celebration](#) (updated June 14)
- PHAC's [COVID-19: Safety Advice for Private Indoor Gatherings](#) (updated June 14)
- PHAC's [Risk Mitigation Tool for Gatherings and Events Operating During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (updated June 14)
- PHAC's [Pregnancy, Childbirth and Caring for a Newborn During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (updated June 14)

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

Please note we are experiencing higher than normal call volumes and you may be unable to get through. For second dose status information including who is eligible and when/where to call, visit the [Appointment Booking Status page](#).

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 vaccine registration and booking help:

- Call 1-844-780-0202
- Available Monday – Friday 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.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