

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #125

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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 [vaccination progress in WDG](#) can be found on our website
- Information about institutional outbreaks can be found in the [Retirement and Long-Term Care Outbreak Bulletin](#)

New and Amended Guidance

- [Directive #3 for Long – Term Care Homes under the Long – Term Care Homes Act, 2007](#) (July 14)
- [Retirement Homes Policy to Implement Directive #3](#) (updated July 14, effective July 16)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Personal Service Settings](#) (updated July 14)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants & Other Food Premises](#) (updated July 14)

Ontario Moves to Step Three on July 16

Ontario is moving to Step Three of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#) on July 16. Step Three focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. Please read [O. Reg. 364/20](#) for the full list of public health and workplace safety measures that need to be followed. For more information visit the [media release](#) from the Government of Ontario.

Ontario Easing Restrictions in Congregate Care Settings

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services congregate care [guidance document](#) and [website](#) have been updated, effective July 16, with the following changes:

- Scheduled indoor and outdoor visits for non-essential visitors are permitted in alignment with social gathering limits as outlined in the [Roadmap to Reopen](#).
- Overnight absences are permitted for all residents, with an updated active screening process with no requirement for a negative COVID-19 test for fully immunized residents.

Read the [media release](#) from the Government of Ontario for more information.

Updates to WDG Public Health Vaccine Dashboard

The Regional Progress tracker on the [vaccine dashboard](#) has been updated. The breakdown of partially vaccinated and fully vaccinated individuals in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph is now available.

Vaccination Receipts

After you are vaccinated, you can log in to the [provincial portal](#) to download or print an electronic COVID-19 vaccine receipt (PDF) for each dose you have received. Receipts are available regardless of where you were vaccinated (for example, a mass clinic, pharmacy, doctor's office, etc.)

Booking Your First and Second Dose COVID Vaccine Appointments

As of July 8, 2021, an invitation/booking code is no longer required to [book a first or second dose vaccine appointment](#) at a WDGPH vaccination clinic. Visit our [website](#) for details and other ways you can get your first or second dose of vaccine in WDG.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On July 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is removing the requirement that fully-immunized and asymptomatic staff, caregivers and visitors be tested before entering long-term care homes.
- On July 14, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is providing \$5 billion to the provinces and territories, distributed equally per capita, to further support vaccination campaigns and ensure our health care systems remain resilient and responsive to Canadians' needs.

Additional Resources

- [Reducing COVID-19 Risk in Community Settings: A Tool for Operators](#) (July 14)
- [Fully Vaccinated Travellers Entering Canada During COVID-19](#) (July 14)
- [Mental Health Resources for Camp Operators](#) (July 13)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #31](#) (July 12)
- [For Persons Exempt from Mandatory Quarantine](#) (July 9)

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 vaccine registration and booking help:

- Call 1-844-780-0202
- Available Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.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