

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #129

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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](#).

Please note that the next bulletin will be published on August 26.

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 Ministry of Health Guidance

- [You've Been Exposed to Someone who has Tested Positive for COVID-19, Now What?](#) (August 11)
- [COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#) (August 11)
- [Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario](#) (August 11)
- [COVID-19 Fully Immunized Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance](#) (August 11)

School Resources

- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Guidance: School Case, Contact, and Outbreak Management](#) (updated August 11)
- Ministry of Education's [Before and After School Programs - Kindergarten – Grade 6](#) (August 2021)

Travel Resources

- PHAC's [COVID-19: For Unvaccinated Children Under 12 Without Symptoms Travelling with Fully Vaccinated Parents or Guardians](#) (August 9)
- PHAC's [COVID-19: For Travellers Over 12 Without Symptoms who are Medically Exempt from Receiving a Vaccination](#) (August 9)
- PHAC's [Entering Canada by Land and Air During COVID-19](#) (August 9)
- PHAC's [Entering Canada by Water During COVID-19](#) (August 9)

COVID-19 Cases Dashboard

A small update has been made to our [Status of COVID-19 Cases](#) dashboard. The age filters have been adjusted on the “Weekly Case Rate by Age Group” graph to make it easier to see case trends in the age group not yet eligible to be vaccinated (0 to 11 years). You can find this graph under the “Trends” tab on the dashboard.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On August 12, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing more than \$2M over two years to provide new and recently hired personal support workers (PSWs) and nurses with financial incentives to encourage them to work in retirement homes.
- On August 11, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is collaborating with the provinces and territories to develop a proof of vaccination that will facilitate cross-border travel, while reducing the risk of spread and importation of COVID-19.
- On August 10, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it has established a memorandum of understanding with leading COVID-19 vaccine developer Moderna, Inc. to build a state-of-the-art mRNA vaccine production facility in Canada.
- On August 9, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is extending the restriction of all direct commercial and private passenger flights to Canada from India until September 21, 2021.

Additional Resources

- [Individual and Community-Based Measures to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 in Canada](#) (updated August 11)
- [Rapid Testing in the Workplace: Information for Employees](#) (August 11)
- [Mask Wearing in Children and COVID-19 – What We Know So Far](#) (published August 11)
- [Reducing COVID-19 Risk in Community Settings: A Tool for Operators](#) (updated August 9)
- [Interim Guidance for Infection Prevention and Control of SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern for Health Care Settings](#) (updated August 6)
- [Preventing COVID-19 in People at Increased Risk of Severe Illness](#) (updated August 5)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings](#) (July 30)

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

Please note that call centre hours may change on a holiday.

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 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 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