

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #130

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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 September 9.

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 and Directives

- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms](#) (August 26)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Patient Screening Guidance Document](#) (August 26)
- WDGP's [Guidance for After COVID-19 Testing](#) (August 23)
- [Directive #6 for COVID-19 Vaccination Policy in Health Settings](#) (August 17)
- [Directive #6: Resource Guide](#) (August 18)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for: Overnight Camps](#) (August 12)

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #34](#) (August 23)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#) (August 20)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: For Youth \(Age 12-17\)](#) (August 20)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations](#) (August 18)
- [COVID -19 Vaccine Screening Form](#) (August 17)
- [COVID-19: Recommendations for those Vaccinated with Vaccines not Authorized by Health Canada for those Staying in Canada to Live, Work or Study](#) (August 17)

Travel Resources

- [For Travellers with COVID-19 Symptoms Arriving in Canada by Land, Air or Water](#) (August 13)

- [For Unvaccinated Travellers without Symptoms of COVID-19 Arriving in Canada by Land, Air or Water](#) (August 13)
- [For Fully Vaccinated Travellers without COVID-19 Symptoms Arriving in Canada by Land, Air or Water](#) (August 13)

Child Care Resources

- [COVID-19: Health and Safety Measures for Child Care](#) (updated August 17)
- [Return to Child Care Protocol for Children/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms](#) (August 16)
- [Guidance for Children/Staff who are HRC of Positive Case](#) (August 16)

School Resources

- PHAC's [Planning for the 2021-2022 School Year in the Context of COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (August 26)
- [COVID-19: Health and Safety Measures at Schools](#) (updated August 17)
- [COVID-19: Health, Safety and Operational Guidance for Schools \(2021-22\)](#) (updated August 13)

*Please continue to refer to the [schools webpage](#) and the [child care providers webpage](#) as resources are being updated as new information and guidance becomes available.

Ontario Remains in Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen

In response to evolving data around the Delta variant and based on the recent experiences of other jurisdictions, the government, in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, is pausing the exit from the Roadmap to Reopen. Data will continue to be monitored to determine when it is safe to exit the Roadmap and lift the majority of public health and workplace safety measures currently in place. [Find out about the latest public health measures, advice and restrictions in Step 3 of the Roadmap to Reopen.](#)

Third Dose Eligibility

Third doses of a COVID-19 vaccine became available to **specific select populations only** in WDG on Monday, August 23. Visit our website for a list of these [eligible groups](#) and who to contact for more information.

Mandatory Vaccination Policies in High-Risk Settings

The Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued a directive mandating hospitals and home and community care service providers to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees, staff, contractors, students and volunteers, and for ambulance services to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for paramedics. The vaccination policy must be effective no later than September 7, 2021 and require individuals to provide proof of **one** of three things:

- Full vaccination against COVID-19;
- A medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19; or

- Completion of a COVID-19 vaccination educational session.

Those who do not provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 will be required to undertake regular antigen testing. These settings will be required to track and report on the implementation of their policies to the provincial government. Visit the [media release](#) from the Government of Ontario for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

WDG residents age 12 and older, and youth who are turning 12 in 2021 (born in 2009) can continue to [book appointments for first and second doses online](#) or [over the phone](#). If preferred, [drop-in clinic times and locations](#) are also available.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On August 24, the [Government of Canada](#) announced the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will proceed with the resumption of service at various small marine reporting sites, airports of entry and ferry terminals over the coming days and weeks.
- On August 24, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is continuing its last mile strategy to reach eligible individuals who have yet to receive a first or second dose.
- On August 23, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing an additional \$169 million to extend the temporary wage increase for personal support workers and direct support workers.
- On August 19, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing in new partnerships in agri-food innovation, to help the industry address pandemic related challenges, ongoing labour shortages, and create new opportunities for growth across the sector.
- On August 17, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it will be offering third doses of a COVID-19 vaccine to select vulnerable populations and expanding eligibility for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to all youth turning 12 in 2021.
- On August 16, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is working closely with public health units and school boards to plan and host vaccination clinics in or nearby schools to continue to fight COVID-19.
- On August 13, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that Canada has entered into an agreement with Moderna for additional supply of its COVID-19 vaccine for 2022 and 2023, with an option to extend into 2024.
- On August 13, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that more than 2000 local pharmacies have registered to distribute rapid antigen tests to small and medium-sized businesses and non-profit organizations – this includes independent pharmacies, Rexall, Sobeys and Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacies in Ontario.
- On August 13, the [Government of Canada](#) announced its intent to require vaccination as early as the end of September across the federal public service.

Additional Resources

- [Considerations for Ontario Fall and Winter 2021 COVID-19 Planning](#) (updated August 25)

- [How to Quarantine or Isolate at Home if you Have or May Have COVID-19](#) (August 23)
- [Care at Home for Those Who Have or May Have Been Exposed to COVID-19](#) (August 20)
- [Prevention and Management of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#) (August 20)
- [Parenting During COVID-19](#) (August 19)
- [COVID-19 Delta Variant: Risk Assessment and Implications for Practice](#) (published August 18)
- [COVID-19 Gamma Variant: Risk Analysis and Implications for Practice](#) (published August 16)
- [For Persons Exempt from Mandatory Quarantine](#) (August 13)
- [Adjusting Public Health Measures in the Context of COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (August 13)
- [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)

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.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