

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #131

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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](#). Bulletins are published on Thursdays, every other week.

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

- Ministry of Health's [Guidance for Employers Managing Workers with Symptoms within 48 Hours of COVID-19 Immunization](#) (September 8)
- Ministry of Long-Term Care's [COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario](#) (September 3)

School Guidance

- Ministry of Education's [COVID-19: Health and Safety Measures at Schools](#) (updated September 7)
- Ministry of Education's [COVID-19: Health, Safety and Operational Guidance for Schools \(2021-22\)](#) (updated September 2)
- PHO's [COVID-19 Preparedness and Prevention in Elementary and Secondary \(K-12\) Schools-Checklist](#) (updated September 1)
- WDGPH's [School Guidance \(Process Maps, Symptoms, Cases, and Return to School\)](#)

Updated Screening Tools

- [Self-Assessment Tool](#) (September 7)
- [School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) (September 7)
- [Customer Screening Tool](#) (September 7)
- [Worker and Employee Screening Tool](#) (September 7)
- [Screening for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#) (August 27)

Proof of Vaccination Required in Select Settings

The provincial government will require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings starting September 22, 2021. Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger and unable to be vaccinated will also be exempted from these requirements. For more information refer to the [provincial news release](#) and [frequently asked questions](#).

Get Your COVID-19 Vaccination Receipt

As of September 22, proof of full vaccination will be required to attend some settings. You can download or print your records from covid19.ontariohealth.ca. You will need your green health card and postal code. If you have a red and white health card or no health card, call 1-833-943-3900.

Workplace Vaccination Policy

WDGPH is strongly recommending local employers institute a workplace vaccination policy to protect their employees and the public from COVID-19. [Visit our website](#) for information on establishing a vaccination policy for your workplace and [read WDGPH's letter to employers](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On September 1, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced renewal requirements for driver's licences, licence plate stickers, Ontario Photo Cards, Ontario health cards, and other products that would have expired on or after March 1, 2020 have been reinstated.
- On August 28, [Transport Canada](#) announced a suspension of all direct commercial and private passenger flights from Morocco until September 29, 2021 due to an increase in COVID-19 positive test results in travellers from that area.

Additional Resources

- [Fully Vaccinated Travellers Entering Canada During COVID-19](#) (September 3)
- [COVID-19: Severity of the Delta \(B.1.617.2\) Variant in Children](#) (published September 2)
- [Plan a Safe Holiday or Celebration](#) (updated September 1)
- [Safety Advice for Private Indoor Gatherings](#) (updated September 1)
- [COVID-19 Signage Questions for Businesses and Organizations](#) (August 27)

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, and questions or concerns from the community beyond COVID-19:

- 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