

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #132

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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 [COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#) (September 14)
- Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance](#) (September 14)
- WDG Public Health's [COVID-19 Guidance for Places of Worship](#) (September 13)
- [Minister's Directive: COVID-19: Long-Term Care Home Surveillance Testing and Access to Homes](#) (September 13)
- [Minister's Directive: Long-Term Care Home COVID-19 Immunization Policy](#) (September 10)

Proof of Vaccination for Select Settings

[Regulations](#) and [guidance](#) for businesses and organizations has been released to support the implementation of [proof of vaccination requirements](#), which took effect on September 22, 2021. For more information read the provincial [news release](#) and [using your vaccination receipt; frequently asked questions](#).

Instructions from the Medical Officer of Health for Facilities Used for Sport and Recreational Fitness Activities

A letter of instruction has been issued by Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of WDG Public Health, regarding proof of vaccination requirements for persons entering facilities used for sport and recreational fitness activities. [Letter of Instruction, \(September 23,](#)

[2021](#)). This letter of instruction requires proof of vaccination for individuals who support indoor organized sports or recreational fitness activities (including volunteers, coaches, instructors, coordinators, trainers, officials, and organizers), in addition to the individuals prescribed by provincial regulation.

WDG Public Health Website Updates

- The [Workplaces](#) page has been updated to include information about the proof of vaccination program for businesses and organizations
- An [Ontario Proof of Vaccination Program](#) page has been created with information about Ontario's proof of vaccination program
- [Places of Worship](#) now has a dedicated page under [Workplaces and Living Spaces](#) as a result of community feedback
- The [For Schools](#) section has been simplified to one single page of COVID-19 guidance and resources for our school community (schools, teachers, staff, parents)

School Resources

- [High-Risk Contact Letter for Students](#) – revisions provide additional clarity on instructions for high-risk contact students (September 22)
- [High-Risk Contact Letter for Staff](#) – revisions provide additional clarity on instructions for high-risk contact staff (September 22)

Child Care Resources

- [Child Care Protocol for Symptomatic Child or Staff](#) (September 10)

Long-Term Care Resources

- [COVID-19: Infection Prevention and Control Checklist for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes](#) (September 2021)

COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance and Resources

- Proof of Vaccination Poster [Colour](#) or [Black and White](#) (September 21)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations](#) (September 21)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#) (September 20)
- [Sample Statement of Medical Exemption](#) (September 20)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #35](#) (September 17)
- [COVID-19 Fully Vaccinated Status in Ontario](#) (September 15)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#) (September 15)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: For Youth \(Age 12-17\)](#) (September 15)
- [Medical Exemptions to COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (September 14)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals Vaccinated outside of Ontario/Canada](#) (September 14)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On September 23, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing \$182.6 million this year to support critical upgrades, repairs and maintenance in 133 hospitals and 63 community health service providers across the province, including \$50 million for COVID-19 related and other urgent projects at hospitals.
- On September 21, [Transport Canada](#) announced an extension of the restrictions on all direct commercial and private passenger flights to Canada from India until September 26, 2021.
- On September 14, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is expanding eligibility for third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to additional groups that face the highest risk of serious illness from the virus.

Additional Resources

- [How to Self-Monitor](#) (updated September 17)
- [COVID-19 Real-World Vaccine Effectiveness – What We Know So Far](#) (published September 17)
- [Mask Wearing in Children and COVID-19 – What We Know So Far](#) (published September 10)

Contact Information for Additional Support

Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre

Services are offered in 300 languages and include accessible services. For questions about COVID-19 vaccine, (not related to appointments or clinics) vaccine receipts, and vaccine passports:

- Call 1-833-943-3900
- Available 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

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.

COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments

[Book a vaccination appointment online](#) or drop-in to a clinic. Upcoming vaccine drop-ins are posted on our website at: <https://wdgpublichealth.ca/drop-ins>

COVID-19 Testing

Information about [local testing centres](#) is available on our website. Once you are tested you can access your results [online](#). For more information visit [how to get your COVID-19 test results](#).

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