

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #134

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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 Ministry Guidance

- [Guidance for Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting](#) (October 19)
- [COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance](#) (October 12)
- [COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario](#) (updated October 12)

### COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance and Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#) (October 20)
- [What You Need to Know About mRNA Vaccines](#) (updated October 19)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#) (October 15)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#) (October 7)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet: For Youth \(Age 12-17\)](#) (October 7)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #36](#) (October 4)
- [SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) – confidential telephone service to help parents, caregivers and youth make informed decisions about the COVID-19 vaccination. Services available in multiple languages.

### School Resources

- [High Risk Contact Letter for Students](#) (October 13)
- [High Risk Contact Letter for Staff](#) (October 13)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR Code and Verify Ontario App

Ontario has updated [regulations](#) and [guidance](#), and [Questions and Answers](#) for businesses to support the implementation of the enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code and the Verify Ontario app. Individuals can download their enhanced vaccine certificates from the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#). Businesses and organizations can [download the Verify Ontario app from the Apple or Google Play stores](#). For more information on the certificate or the app read the [provincial media release](#).

## CCOHS Safe Work App

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has launched the [CCOHS Safe Work app](#) which hosts a collection of over 120 COVID-19 resources, including industry and sector-specific tip sheets, infographics, videos, and other guidance materials. Once downloaded, an internet connection is not needed to run the app so it can be used in remote areas and on manufacturing shop floors.

## Announcements and Changes to Services

- On October 21, [the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau](#) announced that the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code (already available in Ontario) will be available in all other provinces soon.
- On October 18, [Health Canada](#) announced the receipt of a submission from Pfizer-BioNTech seeking an authorization for the use of its Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine in children 5 to 11 years of age.
- On October 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that the GO-VAXX mobile vaccine clinics have administered more than 10,000 first and second doses across Southern Ontario and beyond.
- On October 16, the [Government of Canada](#) confirmed it has approved an extension to a Request for Federal Assistance from the Province of Ontario to manage the COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care and retirement homes.
- Effective October 13, proof of vaccination or an [eligible exemption](#) is required in Ontario to attend a social gathering associated with a wedding service, rite or ceremony or a social gathering associated with a funeral service, rite or ceremony in a meeting or event space ([O. Reg. 364/20](#)).
- On October 8, the [Government of Ontario](#) lifted capacity limits in select settings where proof of vaccination is required, as well as certain outdoor settings that have a capacity below 20,000.

## Additional Resources

- [Mask Use for the Workplace \(Non-Healthcare Settings\)](#) (updated October 19)

## 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. – 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](http://www.wdgpublichealth.ca)

Ontario Ministry of Health: [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus)

Public Health Agency of Canada: [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)

Ontario Emergency Information: [www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information](http://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information)