

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #135

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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 and Regulations

- [Guidance for Immunization Services During COVID-19](#) (October 28)
- [Ontario Regulation 364/20 Rules for Areas in Step 3](#) (amended October 28)
  - Amended to remove capacity limits for outdoor public events (e.g. holiday parades) so long as attendees wear masks when a physical distance of two metres cannot be maintained. Outdoor social gatherings remain capped at 100 persons.

### Updated Screening Tools and Resources

- [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) (October 29)
- [COVID-19 Customer Screening Tool for Workplaces](#) (October 25)
- [COVID-19 Employee Screening Tool for Workplaces](#) (October 25)
- [COVID-19 Signage Questions for Businesses and Organizations](#) (October 25)

### COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance and Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#) (November 3)
- [COVID-19: Requirements for Fully Vaccinated Travellers and Unvaccinated Children Less than 12 years of Age](#) (November 1)
- [Focus On COVID-19 vaccines: mRNA Vaccines](#) (updated October 20)

### COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses

The provincial government has announced the expansion of eligibility for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to additional groups of high-risk individuals starting November 6. A list of

these additional groups and further details is available on our website at:

<https://wdgpublichealth.ca/news/media-release-province-ontario-announces-covid-19-vaccine-booster-doses>. For more information related to the provincial announcement read the [media release](#).

## Announcements and Changes to Services

- On November 2, [Transport Canada](#) announced it is easing the restriction on international flight arrivals.
- On October 29, the [Government of Canada](#) announced further details on new vaccine requirements.
- On October 29, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that individuals who use an Apple mobile device can add their enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code directly to their Apple Wallet.
- On October 28, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced increased access to low-barrier testing options to support in-person student attendance at school and reduce disruptions to families.
- On October 28, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is introducing legislation that would improve the well-being of residents in long-term care and retirement homes, and ensure they get the care they deserve.
- On October 26, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is continuing its plan to fix long-term care by investing \$20 million this year to hire 193 new inspections staff and launching a new and improved annual proactive inspections program in long-term care homes.
- On October 22, the [Government of Ontario](#) released [A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#), which outlines the province's gradual approach to lifting remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022.
- On October 21, [Transport Canada](#) announced new measures for the re-introduction of direct flights from Morocco on October 29.
- On October 21, the [Government of Canada](#) announced accelerated delivery of COVID-19 paediatric vaccine pending regulatory authorization

## Additional Resources

- WDGPH's [2020 Community Report](#) (November 2021)
- PHO's Environmental Scan: [COVID-19 Guidance for Youth Sports](#) (October 25)
- PHO's Evidence Brief: ["Test-to-Stay" SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Testing Strategies in K-12 Schools](#) (October 22)

## 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 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, November 6 from 9 a.m. – 3 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 a.m. – 4 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)