

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #136

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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 and Resources

- [COVID-19: Health, Safety and Operational Guidance for Schools \(2021-2022\)](#) (November 18)
- [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#) (November 16)
  - [Questions and Answers](#) (November 16)
- [COVID-19 Provincial Testing and Clearance Guidance](#) (November 10)
- [Guidance on Testing of Asymptomatic Persons in Pharmacies](#) (November 9)

### COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance and Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Over Time - What We Know So Far](#) (published November 16)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#) (November 15)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#) (November 12)
- [Myocarditis and Pericarditis Following COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines](#) (published November 5)

### Capacity Limits in Higher-Risk Settings

On November 10, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced a pause in the lifting of capacity limits in remaining higher-risk settings as outlined in [A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#). Consequently, existing capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required will remain in place. These higher-risk settings include [food or drink establishments that provide dance facilities](#)

such as night clubs and wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces where there is dancing.

## COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Ages 5 to 11

[Health Canada](#) is reviewing a submission from Pfizer-BioNTech to authorize the use of Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine in children 5 to 11 years of age. Information for parents and caregivers looking to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine for children is available on our website at: [wdgpublichealth.ca/vaccine-kids](http://wdgpublichealth.ca/vaccine-kids).

For information about the regional plan to vaccinate children against COVID-19, in anticipation of Health Canada's approval, read WDG Public Health's [media release](#).

## Announcements and Changes to Services

- On November 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is enhancing COVID-19 testing by expanding the number of testing locations and making it more convenient to access publicly funded testing for those who need it.
- On November 18, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing school boards with access to the remaining portion of the \$1.6 billion in COVID-19 resources allocated for the 2021-22 school year.
- On November 16, [Health Canada](#) received a submission from Moderna to authorize the use of the Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 to 11 years of age.
- On November 12, [Health Canada](#) authorized the use of the Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine as a booster shot.
- On November 9, [Health Canada](#) authorized the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine as a booster shot.

## 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.

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.

**Note: Call Centre hours may be affected by a holiday.**

### **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)