

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #137

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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

- [COVID-19 Variant of Concern Omicron \(B.1.1.529\): Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Guidance](#) (November 30)
- [Guidance for Employers Managing Workers with Symptoms within 48 Hours of COVID-19 Immunization](#) (November 30)
- [COVID-19 Guidance: Congregate Living for Vulnerable Populations](#) (November 29)
- [COVID-19: Health, Safety and Operational Guidance for Schools \(2021-2022\)](#) (November 26)
- [Overview of Current Requirements under Step 3](#) (updated November 23)
- [COVID-19 Guidance: Testing of Individuals in Pharmacies](#) (November 18)

Amendment to Ontario Regulation 364/20

[Ontario Regulation 364/20](#) was amended to address proof of vaccination requirements as they pertain to persons turning 12 years old in 2022. The requirements to provide proof of vaccination to enter select settings applies to persons 12 years of age and older, as persons under 12 years of age are exempt. The regulation was amended to also exempt persons born in 2010 **and** who are 12 years and 12 weeks of age or younger.

COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance and Resources

- [COVID-19 Third Dose Recommendations](#) (December 2)
- [Janssen Vaccine Information Sheet](#) (December 2)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#) (November 26)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet for Children \(age 5-11\)](#) (November 22)

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Individuals that Received a First Dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine/COVISHIELD Vaccine](#) (November 18)

PHAC Travel Guidance

- [COVID-19: For Travellers Over 12 Without Symptoms who are Medically Exempt from Receiving a Vaccination](#) (November 30)
- [COVID-19: Requirements for Fully Vaccinated Travellers and Unvaccinated Children Less than 12 years of Age](#) (November 30)
- [For Unvaccinated Travellers Without Symptoms of COVID-19 Arriving in Canada by Land, Air or Water](#) (November 30)
- [COVID-19: For Persons Exempt from Entry Prohibitions, and Quarantine and Testing Requirements](#) (November 30)
- [For Travellers with COVID-19 Symptoms Arriving in Canada by Land, Air or Water](#) (November 30)

COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Ages 5 to 11

Drop-ins are NOT being accepted for ages 5-11 COVID-19 vaccinations unless a message for a specific date/time has been posted on our social channels. Please make an appointment. For details on how to book and answers to questions about the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group visit wdgpublichealth.ca/vaccine-kids.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On December 2, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that it is accelerating COVID-19 vaccine booster dose eligibility to Ontarians aged 50 and over and additional high-risk individuals.
- On December 2, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that 90 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- On December 1, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that the National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease (CFIA) had confirmed the first detections of SARS-CoV-2 in three free-ranging white-tailed deer in Canada.
- On November 30, the [Government of Canada](#) announced additional border measures to reduce the risk of the importation and transmission of COVID-19 and its variants in Canada related to international travel.
- On November 28, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced the province of Ontario has confirmed two cases of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in Ottawa.
- On November 26, the [Government of Canada](#) announced enhanced border measures for all travellers who have been in the Southern Africa region.
- On November 19, [Health Canada](#) authorized use of the Comirnaty (the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine) in children 5 to 11 years of age
- On November 19 the [Government of Canada](#) announced the adjustment of some of Canada's border measures beginning on Nov. 30 to include additional COVID-19

vaccines accepted for entry to Canada and changes to certain exemptions, testing and ArriveCAN requirements.

Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 Variant of Concern Omicron \(B.1.1.529\): Risk Assessment](#) (November 29)
- [Return to Work During COVID-19](#) (November 29)
- [Return to Work During COVID-19: Preparing Workers](#) (November 29)
- [COVID-19 Delta sublineage AY.4.2: Risk Analysis and Implications for Practice](#) (November 23)
- [COVID-19 Mask Use: Types of Masks and Respirators](#) (November 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.

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

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