

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #144

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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 Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge](#) (March 9)
- [COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Camps](#) (March 1)

Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes Guidance

- [Retirement Homes Policy to Implement Directive #3](#) (March 14)
- [COVID-19 Guidance Document for Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario](#) (March 15)

Screening Tools

- [COVID-19 Worker and Employee Screening](#) (updated March 9)
- [COVID-19 Signage Questions for Businesses and Organizations](#) (March 9)
- [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) (updated March 9)

COVID-19 Symptoms, Positive Cases and Contacts

- [Flow Chart: You Have Symptoms and are Concerned you May Have COVID-19. Now What?](#) (updated March 9)
- [Flow Chart: You've Been Identified as a Close Contact of Someone who has Tested Positive for COVID-19 or Someone with COVID-19 Symptoms. Now What?](#) (updated March 9)

Resources for Travellers

- [Fully Vaccinated Travellers Entering Canada During COVID-19](#) (March 14)
- [Unvaccinated Travellers Entering Canada During COVID-19](#) (March 14)

Masking and Other Requirements Under the Reopening Ontario Act

Ontario will remove the mandatory masking requirement for most settings on March 21, with the exception of select settings such as public transit, health care settings, long-term care homes and congregate care settings. WDG Public Health will also remove the local Section 22 Orders on masking pursuant to the Province's direction on March 21. Additionally, the province announced that the majority of the remaining regulatory requirements under the Reopening Ontario Act will be lifted. For more information on the provincial announcement:

- [Statement from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health](#) (March 9)
- [Living with and Managing COVID-19 Briefing](#) (March 9)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On March 17, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that effective April 1, 2022 at 12:01 AM EDT, [fully vaccinated travellers](#) will no longer need to provide a pre-entry COVID-19 test result to enter Canada by air, land or water.
- On March 7, the [Government of Canada](#) announced the public health framework it is putting in place to restart cruise ship activity in Canada.
- On March 4, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is investing \$26.3 million in 69 new research projects across the country which will focus on the impact of the pandemic on Indigenous, Black, and racialized communities as well as children and youth, and people living with HIV, mental illness, and chronic health conditions.

Additional Resources

- [How to Quarantine or Isolate at Home if you Have or May Have COVID-19](#) (March 15)
- [Living with and Managing COVID-19](#) (March 9)
- [Conditions for the Emergence of New SARS-CoV-2 Variants](#) (March 9)
- [Association between Mask Mandates and Population-level COVID-19 Outcomes – What We Know So Far](#) (March 4)

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.

Client and Community Support Call Centre

For questions or to book or reschedule appointments:

- Call 519-822-2715 ext. 7006
- Available Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments

[Book a vaccination appointment online](#). Information about vaccine drop-ins and eligibility is available on our website at: <https://wdgpublichealth.ca/drop-ins>.

COVID-19 Testing

Confirm you are [eligible for COVID-19 testing](#). If so, please visit [COVID-19 test and testing location information](#) for a list of testing locations. If you have been tested and need to access your results 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