

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #147

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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 will be published on an as-needed basis.**

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 Orders

- [Class Order made pursuant to Section 22 under Section 77.1 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7.](#) (April 22)
- [Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario](#) (April 19)
- [Retirement Homes Policy to Implement Directive #3](#) (April 13)

Screening and Instruction Tools for Symptoms and Contacts

- [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) (updated April 14)
- [Flow Chart: You Have Symptoms and Are Concerned You May Have COVID-19. Now What?](#) (updated April 19, 2022)
- [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 April 19, 2022)

Employers of International Agricultural Workers

- [COVID-19 Farmer Toolkit](#) (updated April 24)
- [Outbreak Guidance: Workplace and Living Settings for Seasonal International Agriculture Workers \(IAWs\)](#) (April 14)

Masking Requirements in Select Indoor Settings

Existing provincial masking requirements in select higher-risk indoor settings have been extended. Masks continue to be required for transit, health care settings, long-term care homes and congregate care settings until June 11.

While no longer legally required, masks are encouraged when in:

- Crowded spaces with many people nearby.
- Close contact, especially with close conversation.
- Confined and enclosed spaces.

For more information on the masking extension read the [provincial announcement](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On April 25, Canada's [Minister of Health](#), announced that the Government of Canada is investing \$6.7M in a new pediatric COVID-19 research platform: Pediatric Outcome Improvement through Coordination of Research Networks (POPCORN).
- On April 22, the [Government of Canada](#) announced effective April 25, the easing of additional border measures for certain travellers.
- On April 21, the [Government of Canada](#) announced the signing of the Safe Long-Term Care Fund (SLTCF) agreement with Ontario which will provide funding to improve infection prevention and control, staffing and infrastructure in long-term care homes.
- On April 19, the [Government of Canada](#) announced it is providing a one-time grant payment this week to Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Allowance recipients who received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit or the Canada Recovery Benefit in 2020.

Additional Resources

- [Technical Brief: Interim Infection Prevention and Control Measures based on COVID-19 Transmission Risks in Health Care Settings](#) (April 26)
- [Construction Site Health and Safety During COVID-19](#) (updated April 25)
- [COVID-19 Omicron Variant Sub-lineage BA.2: Evidence and Risk Assessment \(up to date as of April 19, 2022\)](#) (April 22)
- [Manufacturing Health and Safety During COVID-19](#) (updated April 22)
- [People Who are at Risk of More Severe Disease or Outcomes from COVID-19](#) (April 22)
- [Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome \(PACS\) in Adults](#) (April 20)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #44](#) (April 19)
- [How to Self-monitor](#) (April 15)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings](#) (April 14)

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