

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #73

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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).

Please note that all editions of this Bulletin are posted on [our website](#).

Current WDG Zone Level: [Restrict – Orange \(O. Reg 364/20\)](#)

Surveillance

- Information about cases in WDG can be found on [our website](#)
- Information about institutional outbreaks can be found in the [Retirement and Long-Term Care Outbreak Bulletin](#)
- Information about local assessment centres and testing is available on [our website](#)

New and Amended Guidance

- Ministry of Health's [Considerations for Employer Antigen Screening Pilot](#) (November 20)
- Ministry of Health's [Considerations for Privately-Initiated Testing](#) (November 20)
- Ministry of Health's [Updated Provincial Testing Guidance Update](#) (November 20)
- Ministry of Health's [Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#) (November 20)
- Ministry of Health's [Appendix 9: Management of Individuals with Point-of-Care Results](#) (November 20, Addition to [Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario](#))
- Ministry of Health's [Updated Case Definition](#) (November 20)
- Government of Ontario's [Construction Sector Guidance](#) (November 20)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for HCPs on Testing and Isolation](#) (November 23)

Long-Term Care Guidance

- Ministry of Long-Term Care's [Minister's Directive, COVID-19: Long-Term Care Home Surveillance Testing and Access to Homes](#) (November 23)
- Ministry of Long-Term Care's [COVID-19: Visiting Long-Term Care Homes Policy](#) (Updated November 23)
- Ministry of Long-Term Care's [COVID-19 Visiting Policy FAQs](#) (Updated November 23)
- Ministry of Long-Term Care's [Staff, Student and Volunteer COVID-19 Testing in Long-Term Care Homes FAQs](#) (November 23)

Personal Service Settings Guidance

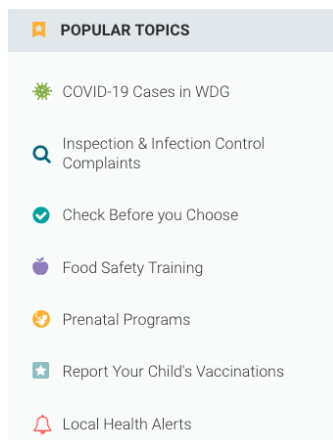
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidelines for Personal Service Settings](#) (November 19)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Hair Salons and Barbershops](#) (November 19)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Nail Salons and Spas](#) (November 19)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Tattooing and Body Piercing](#) (November 19)

Ontario Extends COVID-19 Orders

The [Government of Ontario](#) has extended all orders currently in force under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) until December 21, 2020. The list of orders under the ROA that have been extended can be found online on the [Government of Ontario's website](#).

COVID-19 Cases in WDG

- The [Status of Cases in WDG](#) dashboard will be updated as of December 1 to include daily case data broken down by municipality. Public Health has been reviewing publicly available information on an ongoing basis throughout the pandemic and has been looking at ways to give regional partners and the public more granular information. Local level data has been a frequent request and Public Health has worked to validate a process that could deliver this information efficiently and protect individual privacy. We have continued to work on adding data to our public dashboard since the start of the pandemic and will seek to continue to add to and improve the dashboard and hope to add additional information in the coming weeks and months.
- We have added a shortcut to our *COVID-19 Cases in WDG* dashboard to our Popular Topics menu on the website. This menu appears on every page on our website, making the case data page easy to access from anywhere you are on the website.



Dufferin-Caledon COVID-19, Cold & Flu Clinic (Not an AC)

Residents of Dufferin-Caledon with COVID-19, cold and/or flu symptoms may visit the local [COVID-19, Cold & Flu Clinic](#) for assessment and care. (Please note this is not a COVID-19 assessment centre.)

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On November 24, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it has deployed new COVID-19 rapid tests to provide faster results in regions of high transmission and rural and remote areas
- On November 23, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced the creation of the Ministers' COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force, building on the steps the government has been taking to prepare for the delivery of a vaccine.
- On November 23, [Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health](#), announced that Dr. David Williams has agreed to remain Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, should the motion be passed.
- On November 23, the [Government of Canada](#) opened the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) to receive applications from qualifying organizations.
- On November 20, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced that the province would move Toronto and Peel into Lockdown effective November 23.
- On November 20, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is moving forward with 29 new long-term care projects, which will lead to an additional 3,000 new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province.
- On November 20, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is launching a series of education and enforcement campaigns to ensure businesses across the province are taking the necessary steps to keep employees, consumers and the public safe from COVID-19.

Additional Resources

- [Planning for Palliative Care Delivery During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (November 24)
- [COVID-19: Plan a Safe Holiday or Celebration](#) (November 23)
- [COVID-19: Safety Advice for Private Indoor Gatherings](#) (November 23)
- [For Travellers Without Symptoms Returning to Canada](#) (November 21)
- [For Travellers With Symptoms Returning to Canada](#) (November 21)
- [For Persons Exempt from Mandatory Quarantine](#) (November 21)
- [Resources to Help Prevent COVID-19 in the Workplace](#) (November 19)
- [Reduce Your Risk from COVID-19](#) (November 18)

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

- **For health-related questions**, including symptoms, close contacts or travel:
 - Call 519-822-2715 ext. 7006
 - Available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 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 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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