

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #76

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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](#)
 - Please note a feature has been added to [status of cases](#) to provide a comparison of COVID-19 cases by municipality. To view a case comparison map, click on 'Cases by Municipality'.
- 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

- PHAC's [Federal Safety Guidance to Protect Drivers and Limit the Spread of COVID-19 in Commercial Vehicle Operations](#) (December 1)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Sports & Recreation](#) (December 1)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance Checklist for Fitness Facilities & Studios](#) (December 1)
- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Centres & Providers](#) (December 1)

Update for Congregate Living Settings

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) recently provided updated guidance to MCCSS-funded congregate living settings for mask use, eye protection, and screening. MCCSS-funded congregate living settings now require:

- All staff to wear surgical/procedure mask and face shield at all times when working within the congregate setting except:
 - when eating or drinking and maintaining a full 2 metres/6 feet physical distance from others
 - when outside and capable of physical distancing
 - when alone in an office
- Indoor visitors to wear a surgical/procedure mask at all times. A face shield is advised if physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Outdoor visitors to continue to wear a face covering/non-medical mask.

- Additional screening questions to enhance existing screening requirements.

MCCSS-funded congregate living settings should continue to follow the guidance provided directly by MCCSS in their memo dated November 30 and Operational Guideline for COVID-19 Universal Source Control Measures dated December 1.

Congregate living settings that are not funded by MCCSS can continue to follow the direction provided by WDG Public Health in the [November 26 memo](#) about the use of eye protection in congregate living settings.

COVID-19 Community Transmission Survey

WDG Public Health has developed an anonymous survey to help understand and track the transmission of COVID-19. This will help to further our understanding of where the greatest risks exist in the community and target key interventions to keep residents of the region safe. For more information or to complete the survey, visit our [website](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On December 2, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing more than \$115 million to support 850 patients across the province with high, complex care needs access services in the comfort of their own homes, while also expanding virtual care options for patients across the province.
- On December 1, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is collaborating with leaders and experts in a wide variety of sectors, including pharmaceuticals, health care and logistics, to develop a plan for the safe and efficient distribution of COVID-19 vaccines when they become available.

Additional Resources

- [Information for Patients on COVID-19 Antibody \(Serology\) Testing](#)
- [COVID-19 Giving & Receiving Donations Info Graphic](#)

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