

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #80

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**Date issued:** December 17, 2020

**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:** [Control – Red \(O. Reg 263/20\)](#)

### Surveillance

- Information about cases in WDG can be found on [our website](#)
  - 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](#)

### School Resources

Students may experience a range of emotions during the pandemic. School Mental Health Ontario has compiled [tips and resources](#) that still apply to students returning to school after the winter break.

### Announcements and Changes to Services

- On December 17, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is launching one of the largest recruitment and training drives in the province's history to deliver on its commitment to improve care for seniors in long-term care homes.
- On December 17, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing over \$147 million to immediately expand access to the provincial mental health and addictions system for people of all ages and address capacity issues in response to COVID-19.
- On December 16, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is allocating an additional \$695 million to provide financial relief for municipalities and help ensure they do not carry operating deficits into 2021.
- On December 16, the [Government of Ontario](#) released its new Poverty Reduction Strategy which will help more people get back to work and participate in the province's economic recovery from COVID-19.
- On December 15, the [Government of Canada](#) announced a contribution of up to \$6.7 million through the [Strategic Innovation Fund \(SIF\)](#) to [Arch Biopartners](#), a Canadian

clinical-stage biotechnology company that aims to advance its lead drug candidate Metablok as a treatment for organ inflammation in severe cases of COVID-19.

- On December 15, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that following successful negotiations and contingent on Health Canada authorization of the vaccine, Canada will be able to access 168,000 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in December 2020.

## Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #3 \(December 16\)](#)
- [Poster: Your Break is not a Break from COVID Safety](#)
- [Poster: Keep it to Yourself During COVID](#)
- [Poster: COVID Should Not be on the Menu at Lunch](#)

## 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](http://www.wdgpublichealth.ca)

Ontario Ministry of Health: [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus)

Public Health Agency of Canada: [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)

Ontario Emergency Information: [www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information](http://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-information)