

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #89

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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](#).

Current WDG Zone Level: [Provincewide Shutdown – Grey](#), (O. Reg. 82/20)

Please note that [Ontario Regulation 82/20](#) was amended on January 14, 2021 to include the additional measures announced by the [Government of Ontario](#), as outlined in [Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures in the Provincewide Shutdown](#).

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](#)

Information for School Boards and Private Schools

Earlier today, the Government of Ontario announced additional school boards in public health unit regions that may resume in-person learning on February 1. **Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health was not included in this list and therefore all public and private schools in WDG have been directed to continue with remote learning at this time.** School staff who can work from home will continue to be asked to do so. Only students with special education needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning may attend a school for in-person instruction.

School closure announcements are directed by the province and WDGPH is unable to open schools without the approval from the province. The [news release](#) from the Government of Ontario is available online.

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On January 27, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is extending electricity rate relief for families, small businesses and farms to support those spending more time at home in response to the provincial Stay-at-Home Order.
- On January 27, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is expanding provincewide inspections to farms, greenhouses and other agricultural operations to ensure health and safety measures are being followed to protect workers from COVID-19.

- On January 26, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is calling on the federal government to take further action to protect the border, including mandatory testing of all incoming international passengers and a temporary ban on direct flights from countries where new variants are detected.
- On January 26, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing over \$40 million during COVID-19 to help small and rural municipalities improve the delivery of critical programs and services.

Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #8](#) (January 27)

Contact Information for Additional Support

WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

Please note that our call centre is experiencing higher than normal call volumes due to the stay-at-home order and enhanced measures and restrictions.

- 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.
- 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.

Please do not call Public Health for your test 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