

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #92

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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 February 8, 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 [vaccination progress in WDG](#) can be found on our website

New and Amended Guidance

- PHAC's [COVID-19 and People with Disabilities in Canada](#) (February 9)

School Resources

- [WDGPH COVID-19 Guidance for Schools Tip Sheet](#) (updated February 9)
- [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Teachers \(Poster\)](#) (updated February 9)
- [WDGPH COVID-19 Guidance for Schools \(Poster\)](#) (updated February 9)
- [Mask Guidance for Parents \(Handout\)](#) (updated February 5)
- [WDG Schools FAQ's](#)

Orders and Revised Framework

The [Government of Ontario](#) announced that the [provincial emergency](#) will be allowed to terminate at the end of February 9. The Stay-at-Home order for the WDG region will cease to apply as of February 16 and will gradually return to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). The revised Framework includes [updates to allow in-store shopping at non-essential retail stores](#) with additional public health and safety measures in place.

Orders currently in force under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA) have been extended to February 23, 2021 and will be extended further if

necessary. [O.Reg.55/21](#) (Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes) is currently in effect until February 19, 2021.

Finding the Balance During COVID-19

On Tuesday, February 9 at 7 p.m., Dr. Anne-Marie Zajdlik & Helen Fishburn Huck will speak with Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, about vaccines & resilience. [Register for this webinar on Zoom](#) or watch on [Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington's Facebook page](#).

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On February 9, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing \$4.5 million through the [Seniors Community Grant Program](#) to support over 180 diverse community projects to help older adults stay connected with their communities while self-isolating during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- On February 9, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is providing \$7 million to help increase access to mental health and addiction services for postsecondary students during COVID-19.
- On February 9, [Health Canada](#) issued a label change authorization to Pfizer-BioNTech to reflect that each vial of its COVID-19 vaccine contains six doses, rather than five.
- On February 9, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that self-employed individuals who applied for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and would have qualified based on their gross income will not be required to repay the benefit, provided they also met all other eligibility requirements.

Additional Resources

- [Enhanced Provincewide Restrictions](#)
- PHO's [COVID-19 – What We Know So Far About... Herd Immunity](#) (February 8)
- Ontario's [COVID-19 Vaccination Update: Technical Briefing](#) (February 2)

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.
- 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](#).

Visit our website for information about [local assessment centres and testing](#).

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