

## COVID-19 Information Bulletin #96

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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:** [Red-Control](#), ([O. Reg 263/20](#))

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

### New and Amended Guidance

- WDGPH's [COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants and Other Food Premises](#) (February 22)
- Ministry of Health's [Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#) (February 18)

### School and Child Care Resources

- [School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) (updated February 18) \*Note: printable versions of the screening tool have not yet been updated by the province. Please continue to check back.
- WDGPH's [School Protocol Process Map for Students/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms](#) (February 19)
- WDGPH's [School Protocol Process Map When Student/Staff Tests Positive for COVID-19](#) (February 19)
- WDGPH's [School and Bus Case Information \(letter to parents\)](#) (February 18)
- WDGPH's [Symptomatic Student Information \(letter to parents\)](#) (February 19)
- WDGPH's [Return to School/Child Care Protocol for Children/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms](#) (February 22)
- WDGPH's [Guidance for Children/Staff who are High Risk Contacts of a Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case](#) (February 22)
- WDGPH's [Child Care Centre Protocol for Positive Cases in Child Care](#) (February 19)
- WDGPH's [Child Care Protocol for Symptomatic Child or Staff](#) (February 19)
- WDGPH's [High-Risk Contact Letter for Students](#) (February 19)
- WDGPH's [School FAQ's](#) (updated February 22)

## Eligible Priority Groups Can Pre-Register for COVID-19 Vaccination

Eligible priority groups can pre-register for vaccination using the [pre-register system](#). A [list of eligible groups](#) is available on our website. Vaccination appointments are not yet available for the general public. Please do not call our COVID-19 call centre to pre-register as phone lines are at capacity. No walk-ins will be accepted at clinic locations.

## Announcements and Changes to Services

- On February 22, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing more than \$4.1 million to help train 373 new Personal Support Workers (PSWs) and provide them with additional health and safety resources to ensure the best care for residents in long-term care homes.
- On February 20, the [Government of Canada](#) announced effective February 22, to meet day 1 arrival requirements, travellers entering Canada at land borders, unless exempt, will be required to take a test using a self-swab kit.
- On February 19, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is investing more than \$7 million in 87 local and virtual events and initiatives through the Reconnect Festival and Event Program to support the festival and event sector during COVID-19.
- On February 19, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it has administered over 500,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccines to Phase One priority populations, which now includes adults 80 years of age and older.
- On February 19, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced it is launching new health and safety education campaigns focusing on helping small businesses across the province reopen safely.
- On February 18, [Transport Canada](#) announced it has issued fines to two individual passengers for \$10,000 and \$7,000 respectively, for presenting a false or misleading COVID-19 test and for making a false declaration about their health status.

## Additional Resources

- WDGPH's [Answers to Your COVID-19 Vaccine Questions](#) (updated February 22)
- PHO's [COVID-19 P.1 Variant of Concern: What We Know So Far](#) (February 22)
- PHO's [COVID-19 B.1351 \(501Y.V2\) Variant of Concern – What We Know So Far](#) (February 22)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #11](#) (February 18)

## Contact Information for Additional Support

### WDGPH COVID-19 Call Centre

**Please note we are experiencing higher than normal call volumes and you may not be able to get through. If attempting to pre-register for COVID-19 vaccine, please do so online at: [www.wdgppublichealth.ca/register](http://www.wdgppublichealth.ca/register)**

- 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](#).

### Local Assessment Centres and Testing

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

### Reliable Information Sources

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health: [www.wdgppublichealth.ca](http://www.wdgppublichealth.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)