

COVID-19 Information Bulletin #26

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Purpose of bulletin: To keep local stakeholders informed of the quickly-evolving novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and its implications for Wellington County, Dufferin County and the City of Guelph (WDG).

Due to the evolving nature of the situation, further updates may be forthcoming. For more information visit www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca

Surveillance

- Information about cases in WDG can be found on [our website](#) and information about institutional outbreaks can be found in the [Retirement and Long-Term Care Outbreak Bulletin](#).
- Information about local assessment centres and testing criteria is available on [our website](#).

New or Amended Guidance Documents and Directives

- **New:** Government of Ontario's [Guidance for Public Transit Agencies and Passengers in Response to COVID-19](#) [June 11]
- **Updated:** WDGPH's [WDGPH COVID-19 Guidance for reopening businesses](#) [June 10]
- **Updated:** WDGPH's [WDGPH COVID-19 Checklist for reopening businesses and workplaces](#) [June 10]
- **New:** Ministry of Education's [Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak: Child Care Re-opening](#) [June 10]
- **Updated:** [Minister's Order and Direction to Provide Information Respecting Critical Supplies and Equipment](#) [June 8]

Face Coverings Required for Commercial Businesses in WDG

Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health, has issued an order under Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act. A face covering is required for any customer, patron, employee or visitor when entering and while on the premises of any commercial establishment in the WDG region, effective 12:01 a.m. on June 12, 2020. The order will be in effect until rescinded. For more details on the order and [frequently asked questions](#), [visit our website](#) or contact our call centre at 519-822-2715 ext. 4020.

A Note on the Difference Between the Declaration of Emergency and Emergency Orders

The Declaration of Emergency is currently extended until June 30, 2020 under the [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#). During a declared emergency, the Lieutenant Governor in Council has the authority to make emergency orders to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Ontario, when it is believed to be necessary and essential to prevent, reduce or mitigate serious harm to the public. The [emergency orders](#) that fall under this declaration are now currently in effect until [June 19, 2020](#). Emergency orders can only be extended for a period of 14 days, hence the reason for the emergency orders to be extended every two weeks or so.

Critical Supplies and Equipment Inventories

On June 8, the Minister of Health issued an updated order and direction under the Health Protection and Promotion Act requiring specified health care providers as well as retirement homes to report on their critical supplies and equipment (CSE) inventories and anticipated needs. This order and direction replaces the order issued on March 27, 2020, and allows for a reduction in reporting frequency from daily to twice weekly. The updated Minister's order and direction is available on the [MOH COVID-19 Website](#).

WDG Public Health Website Updates

Remember to check the COVID-19 information section [for workplaces & living spaces](#) on our website that includes information for: workplaces and businesses, long-term care and retirement homes, other congregate living settings, schools, child care providers, summer day camp providers, recreational water facilities, food premises, personal service settings, sport and recreation settings and other sectors. Guidance documents and resources are being updated as new information arises, so please check regularly for updates.



Physical Distancing Floor Decals

- WDGPH has physical distancing floor decals available for community partners to use at their locations.
- If you would like decals, please contact Meghan Wiles via email at meghan.wiles@wdgpublichealth.ca

Announcements and Changes to Services

- On June 11, the [Government of Ontario](#) released comprehensive safety guidance for public transit agencies as the province reopens and more people return to work. This guidance, developed in consultation with health and transit officials, provides transit agencies with the information they need to help protect employees and passengers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

- On June 11, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced the gradual resumption of visits to long-term care homes, retirement homes, and other residential care settings. Family and friends will be allowed access to these settings beginning June 18, 2020. Long-term care homes will allow outdoor visits of one person per resident each week at a minimum. Retirement homes will resume indoor and outdoor visits in designated areas or resident suites when physical distancing can be maintained. Other residential care settings will be able to allow outdoor visits of two people at time. Physical distancing will be required for all visits.
- On June 11, the [Government of Canada](#) announced that FedDev Ontario and partners will deliver targeted supports to over 22,900 small and medium-sized businesses across Ontario to embrace digital technologies as we increasingly shift to online solutions due to COVID-19. This investment will also create jobs for more than 1,400 students.
- On June 10, the [Government of Ontario](#) released details on the reopening of facilities and services at provincial parks in certain regions beginning the week of June 12, 2020. Facilities and services available at each provincial park can be found on the [Ontario Parks website](#).
- On June 10, the [Government of Ontario](#) unveiled a plan for the gradual and safe resumption of in-person instruction at post-secondary institutions across the province for the summer term. Starting in July 2020, [limited in-person education and training](#) may restart for students who were not able to graduate due to COVID-19 closures. In September, all students will have the opportunity to attend post-secondary education through virtual learning, in-class instruction or hybrid formats.

Additional Resources

- **New:** Ministry of Long-Term Care's [Resuming Visits in Long-Term Care Homes](#) [June 11]
- **New:** Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services [Resuming Visits in Congregate Living Settings](#) [June 11]
- **New:** Government of Ontario's [Reopening Retirement Homes](#) [June 11]
- **Updated:** WDGPH's Personal Service Settings [webpage](#) [June 10]
- **Updated:** WDGPH's Recreational Water Facilities [webpage](#) [June 10]
- **Updated:** WDGPH's Food Premises, Vendors and Services [webpage](#) [June 10]

Contact Information for Additional Support

Updated: 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. – 6:00 p.m. and weekends from 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