

COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #11

Pre-Registration, Clinics & Special Populations

The purpose of the Vaccine Bulletin is to give you the latest information about COVID-19 vaccines. For this bulletin, the focus will be on the preregistration process to receive a vaccine, updates to the COVID-19 vaccine mass immunization clinics and recommendations for special populations.

Quick Updates

- [Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph's vaccination dashboard](#) is now live.
- The [total number of doses](#) that have been administered in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph is **11,319 and 4,356 vaccinations have been completed.**
- WDGPH has added [COVID-19 FAQs](#) to our website.
- Second dose vaccination clinics in long-term care and retirement homes began on February 4, 2021 and are scheduled to be completed on February 24, 2021.
- Continuation of Phase 1 first-dose vaccinations is expected to begin the week of February 22.
- WDGPH has developed an online pre-registration system for those currently eligible to receive the vaccine.

Preregistration Process for COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health is inviting members of certain prioritized groups to pre-register for upcoming COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Demand for the COVID-19 vaccine is currently higher than available supply and a prioritization is necessary to determine eligibility. COVID-19 vaccine appointments are not yet available for the general public.

Pre-Registration Website link - <https://register.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca>

Note: The registration website is not compatible with the Internet Explorer browser. Please use either Chrome, Safari or Firefox browser.

Step 1: Pre-registration for those eligible

Pre-registration helps us book appointment reservations quickly and easily. When you pre-register, you select your preferred method of communication. This is how we will contact you to reserve a vaccine appointment. The following groups are eligible to preregister.

1. Adults 80 years of age and older
2. Indigenous adults
3. Long-Term Care and/or Retirement Home Staff

4. Essential Support Staff in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes
5. Essential Caregivers in Long-Term Care and High-Risk Retirement Homes
6. Healthcare workers* in the following settings:
 - Hospitals
 - COVID-19 Response Roles (e.g., Assessment Centres, outbreak response, COVID-19 immunization clinics)
 - Paramedics
 - Community Healthcare workers serving specialized populations
 - Community Healthcare workers serving the general population
 - Healthcare worker in Congregate Settings
 - Healthcare services for indigenous populations
 - Laboratory services
 - Non-acute and rehabilitation and therapy
 - Public health

*For the purposes of this vaccine prioritization, 'health care worker' is defined as:

- Anyone working or volunteering in a health care organization (includes regulated health professionals as well as staff not providing direct patient care such as cleaning, food or administration services)
- Any worker providing healthcare services or direct patient service in a setting outside of a health care organization (http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/Guidance_for_Prioritizing_HCW_covid19_vaccination_2020-01-08.pdf)

Step 2: You will be contacted for an appointment

When vaccines become available for your group, Public Health will use the contact information you provide to send you an email and/or text message. This email and/or text message will include a website link and unique code so that you can schedule a date, time and location for you to receive your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please check your JUNK/SPAM folders regularly.

Step 3: On your appointment day

When you arrive for your appointment, please bring your identification (e.g., workplace ID badge, letter from your employer) because Public Health will use it to confirm who you are and that you are part of a priority group.

Public Health takes vaccine prioritization seriously. Providing false information may result in cancellation of your appointment and notification to the appropriate regulatory college.

Update - Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Vaccination Plan

Mass Immunization Clinics

- WDGPH's partnerships with the County of Wellington, County of Dufferin, Town of Orangeville, City of Guelph, the municipalities, Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Services, County of Dufferin Paramedic Services, and our local Family Health Teams and hospitals have played an integral role in the planning and operationalizing of mass immunization clinics.
- The University of Guelph in partnership with the Guelph Family Health Team and Linamar Corporation will also be holding mass immunization clinics for the public.
- The following table highlights the main type of clinics open to all eligible members of the public during Phase 2 and 3 of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout:

Location	Number of Sites	Current # Immunized Per Day	Maximum # Immunized Per Day
WDGPH Mass Immunization Clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor's Way PH Office (Guelph) • Alder Street Recreation Centre (Orangeville) • Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex (Fergus) 	3	600	6800
Mobile Clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving rural communities and vulnerable populations 	6	200-700	1200
Partner-Led Mass Immunization Clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Guelph/Guelph Family Health Team (Guelph) • Linamar (Skyjack), 201 Woodlawn Rd. Guelph 	2	0	3800
Total	13	800 – 1300	11,800

Note: This does not include smaller vaccination sites such as pharmacies and primary care offices.

Update – Guidance for Prioritizing Health Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination

- The Ministry of Health (MOH) has update its [COVID-19: Guidance for Prioritizing Health Care Workers for COVID-19](#) (February 9).
- It provides more specific sub-prioritization of health care workers, further clarification of roles and responsibilities for health sector partners and considerations for implementation.

- Key messages are:
 - Demand for COVID-19 vaccine will initially exceed available supply; prioritization must be set among health care workers.
 - Sub-prioritization of health care workers will assist with vaccine delivery to health care workers in parallel with vaccination of other Phase 1 priority populations.
 - Health care workers will be prioritized based on this framework in combination with recommendations from the WDGPH Prioritization Committee who consider the local context.
 - An ethics and equity lens should be applied to all prioritization decision-making.

Update – COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations

- The Ministry of Health (MOH) has updated its [COVID-19 Recommendations for Special Populations](#) (February 12). It now includes:
 - clarification of documentation requirements for special populations, including attestation
 - updated guidance on allergies
 - additional guidance for children and adolescents
- Health Care Providers can use the updated [COVID-19 Vaccine – Pre-Screening Assessment Tool](#) to guide their recommendations.
- People who are going to be vaccinated can visit www.wdgpublichealth.ca/vaccine-prep to determine what they need to do to prepare for their vaccination appointment.
- The following table provides a summary of the document requirements for special populations (for more details, review the linked MOH document above):

Population	Document Requirements
Pregnancy	Verbal attestation of counselling received provided at the time of vaccination as part of informed consent.
Breastfeeding	Consultation with health care provider not required.
Autoimmune conditions, immunodeficiency conditions or those immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment that are receiving stem cell therapy, CAR-T therapy, chemotherapy, immune	Verbal attestation of counselling received provided at the time of vaccination as part of informed consent.

Population	Document Requirements
checkpoint inhibitors, monoclonal antibodies and other targeted agents	
Other autoimmune conditions, immunodeficiency conditions or those immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment (not included above)	May choose to consult with their health care provider, however, consultation is not required.
Allergic reaction or anaphylaxis to a previous dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine or to any of its components.	Urgent referral to an allergist/immunologist is recommended. See COVID-19 Vaccination: Allergy Form for more information.
Individuals with history of other allergic reactions and/or anaphylaxis not related to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.	Can receive the vaccine with extended observation post-vaccination of 30 minutes.
Individuals who are 12-15 years of age who are at very high risk of severe outcomes of COVID-19 and/or are at increased risk of exposure.	Can receive the complete series of Pfizer vaccine if informed consent includes discussion with health care provider.

Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs) in Ontario

Public Health Ontario Summary Report – [AEFIs for COVID-19 in Ontario: December 13, 2020 to February 6, 2021](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Multi-Language Information Sheets

Women's College Hospital has created [multi-language information sheets](#) on the current COVID-19 vaccines.

Status of Doses Administered in Ontario

Total doses administered = **501,867**

Daily doses administered = **12,383**

People fully vaccinated = **205,802**

Please note that information about COVID-19 vaccines and their roll-out changes frequently. Past Vaccine Bulletins may not always have the most up-to-date information.

Reliable Sources of Information on Vaccines

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Government of Ontario](#)

[Public Health Ontario](#)

[Centre for Effective Practice \(CEP\)](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[COVID-19 Studies from the World Health Organization Database](#)

[Centres for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)