

COVID-19 Vaccine Bulletin #35

Vaccine Updates

Quick Updates

- The [WDGPH Vaccination Report](#) now reports the vaccination progress by municipality (click on “municipality” tab at the top of the dashboard).
- The [WDGPH COVID-19 Status Report](#) now reports the rate of cases by vaccination status. Click on “Trends” tab on top and then “Vacc. Status” tab on right hand side.
- Anyone born in 2009 or earlier can access **COVID-19 vaccine**:
 1. DROP-IN at any of the WDGPH clinic sites: wdgpublichealth.ca/drop-ins OR
 2. Book an appointment online: wdgpublichealth.ca/appointments OR
 3. Book an appointment over the phone: 1-800-265-7293, x7006 (Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm) OR
 4. Contact a [participating pharmacy](#).
- WDGPH recommends that all employers in WDG implement COVID-19 a vaccination policy in their workplace. More information is available on our website: wdgpublichealth.ca/workplaces.
- The Government of Ontario is requiring proof of vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings starting September 22. More information is available on our website: wdgpublichealth.ca/workplaces.
- The Ontario Ministry of Health (MOH) has [broadened the list of immunocompromised individuals](#) eligible for a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Physicians who are unable to administer vaccine to their eligible patients may complete the updated [referral form](#) for their patients to be immunized at a WDGPH clinic.
- The MOH is [recommending](#) that individuals who have received a complete or incomplete series of a COVID-19 vaccine that is not authorized for use by Health Canada receive an additional dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) in order to be considered [fully vaccinated](#).
- The MOH has developed [guidance for medical exemptions to COVID-19 vaccination](#).
- The [2021-22 Grade 7 and 8 School Vaccination Clinics](#) schedule and [FAQs](#) have been posted to the website and parents can be directed here to answer many of their questions.
- Distribution of the 2021-22 flu vaccine will roll-out with similar timeframes as the previous flu season. Co-administration of the flu vaccine with COVID-19 vaccine is still under review by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI).

Vaccine Status for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph

86% of residents 12+ received at least one dose	81% of residents 12+ received two doses
% received at least one dose in: Well. County = 79 Duff. County = 83 City of Guelph = 92	Total number of doses given in primary care office or pharmacy = 106,355

Age Group	First Dose	Second Dose
60+	95%	93%
50-59	88%	87%
40-49	85%	80%
30-39	84%	76%
20-29	76%	68%
12-19	84%	75%

Vaccine Administration Updates

[COVID-19 Vaccines Cheat Sheet](#) (updated Sept. 9)

- Updated authorized ages for use.
 - Moderna has been approved for individuals 12 years of age and older.
 - Pfizer is preferred for use (over Moderna) for individuals aged 12-24 years.
- Updated contraindications for history of myocarditis/pericarditis after previous dose of COVID-19 vaccines.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#) (updated Sept. 14)

- The MOH has expanded the third dose eligibility criteria for individuals who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.
- For more information on the research review that led to these recommendations, see the [NACI Rapid Response: Additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine in immunocompromised individuals following 1 or 2 dose primary series.](#)

[COVID-19 Guidance for Individuals Vaccinated Outside of Ontario/Canada](#) (updated Sept. 14)

- This guidance has been updated to align with the Public Health Agency of Canada's [recommendations](#).
- Individuals who have received a complete or incomplete series of a COVID-19 vaccine that is not authorized for use by Health Canada require an additional dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna).

[COVID-19 Fully Vaccinated Status in Ontario](#) (*new* Sept. 15)

- Updated definition of fully vaccinated status to align with guidance for individual vaccinated outside of Ontario/Canada (see above).

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#) (updated Sept. 14)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet for Youth \(Age 12-17\)](#) (updated Sept. 14)

- Updated with new guidance on eligible third dose populations (page 3)

Proof of Vaccination Guidance

[Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Ontario Act](#) (*new* Sept. 14)

- [Questions and Answers](#) (*new* Sept. 14)

[Using your Vaccination Receipt: Frequently Asked Questions](#) (*new* Sept. 14)

[Medical Exemptions to COVID-19 Vaccination](#) (*new* Sept. 14)

- Guidance for health practitioners in evaluating contraindications or precautions to COVID-19 vaccination that may warrant a medical exemption.
- Referral and specialist consultation support for physicians and nurse practitioners is available through Ontario's [eConsult Service/OTN Hub](#), and the [Special Immunization Clinic Network](#).

Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre

1-833-943-3900 (Open 7 days a week, 8 am to 8 pm)

- COVID-19 vaccine questions (not related to appointments or clinics)
- Vaccine receipts – how to get, print, etc.
- Vaccine passport questions
- People can speak to an experienced agent or health specialist and services are offered in 300 languages as well as accessible services.

Reliable Sources of Information on Vaccines

[WDGPH Vaccine Administration Training](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Government of Ontario](#)

[Ministry of Health](#)

[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 \(CDC\)](#)