



Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health opens COVID-19 vaccination pre-registration for prioritized groups

February 23, 2021 – Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has opened pre-registration for eligible individuals identified under the Province's Framework for Vaccine Distribution. [Pre-registering online](#) will allow Public Health to contact members of prioritized groups using their preferred communications method, as soon as they are able to book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination.

The following priority groups are eligible for pre-registration at this time:

- Adults 80 years of age and older who live in WDG
- Adults who are a member of an Indigenous community and live in WDG
- Long-Term Care and/or Retirement Home Staff
- Essential Support Staff in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes
- Essential Caregivers in Long-Term Care and High-Risk Retirement Homes
- Adult recipient of chronic home care (Waterloo Wellington LHIN - Guelph and Wellington Residents only)
- Adult recipient of chronic home care (Central West LHIN - Dufferin Residents Only)
- Healthcare workers* in the following settings:
 - Hospitals
 - COVID-19 Response Roles (e.g., Assessment Centres, outbreak response, COVID-19 immunization clinics)
 - Medical First Responders
 - 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

Individuals in one of the above groups can register by visiting wdgpublichealth.ca/register. **Online registration is encouraged as much as possible**, but for those needing help to register or are having trouble registering, they can call 519-822-2715 ext. 4506.



“Vaccinating people as quickly as possible against COVID-19 is Public Health’s top priority,” said Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of WDG Public Health. “The pre-registration is a positive step forward as our vaccine supply and our administration capacity expand to meet our goal of vaccinating at least 75% of our region by August.”

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, please visit www.wdgppublichealth.ca/vaccine.

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*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