



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: March 25, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate

FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – March 25

The Sarnia Primary Control Group met via teleconference on March 25, 2020 at 9:00am regarding COVID-19. We now confirm that we have 5 positive cases of the COVID-19 virus in the Sarnia-Lambton area and would like to refer concerned citizens to Lambton Public Health for the latest information pertaining to this evolving situation. A link to the organization's official release on this matter is provide for your convenience:
<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/bluewater-health-and-lambton-public-health-confirm-first-patients-of-covid-19-in-sarnia-lambton/>

We would like to reassure members of the public that we are currently continue to work with our emergency partners to develop enhanced communication protocols to ensure that members of the public continue to have access to the latest up to date information available and would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that it remains imperative that you continue to obtain your information regarding COVID-19 from trusted governmental sources such as Lambton Public Health who can be contacted directly at the following coordinates:

- Telephone: (519) 383-8331; or
- Internet: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca>

The City of Sarnia would like to remind the public the extreme importance of social distancing. Social distancing and proper hygiene practices are the only ways for us to curb the spread and reduce the burden on the health care system. Too many members of the public are ignoring these

recommendations and it is of growing concern to our community. Please limit your trips to essential matters only.

In order to protect public health, the City is requesting that members of the public avoid using any of the playground equipment in our local parks because the equipment cannot be properly sanitized at this time. Signage is posted throughout our parks as a reminder of this requirement.

In order to better coordinate the city's response to this pandemic emergency, we would like to request that members of the public direct all inquiries to the City of Sarnia's emergency hotline at 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or visit our web site at www.sarnia.ca for updates on the latest information available.

To listen to a detailed listing of City of Sarnia closures and disruptions, you are encouraged to call our City of Sarnia Services Update Line at 226-778-4611 which will be updated daily.

The City will continue to monitor the situation and update the citizens of Sarnia as soon as information is available.

Lambton Public Health Information:

If you are experiencing symptoms and have traveled internationally, please call your health care provider or Lambton Public Health (519-383-8331) or <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/> (Please do not call 9-1-1 unless it is an emergency).

The Primary Control Group will continue to meet daily to ensure that all new and relevant information is being taken into consideration going forward. Daily public notifications will be issued. Please visit the City's website www.sarnia.ca, Facebook, and/or Twitter for updates.

Please continue to utilize the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) and the City's website to keep up to date on any and all information pertaining to the city's current status.

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For further information, please contact:

City of Sarnia COVID-19 Hotline

1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or 519-332-0932

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