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Emergency Control Group Update - April 22

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Wyoming, ON - The County of Lambton Emergency Control Group met Wednesday morning to discuss updates in the current COVID-19 situation. The group will meet next on Friday this week to discuss new developments and planning requirements. Additional meetings will be scheduled if needed.

At this meeting, the Emergency Control Group:

- Received an update from Lambton County's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ranade, regarding the COVID-19 situation in Lambton County. Current statistics are available on the <u>Lambton Public Health website</u>, including a detailed <u>community snapshot</u> of Lambton County COVID-19 data.
- Discussed potential operational challenges County divisions may experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Control Group continues to monitor the evolving situation and its potential impacts to staffing and service levels. The County's priority is to ensure residents continue to receive the essential services they need during this time, including services provided by our Long-Term Care, Social Services and Public Health Services divisions.
- Received an update from the Social Services division regarding the Social Services Relief Fund. The Division is continuing to work on the distribution plan for this funding and will be providing an update to the Control Group and local municipal officials.
- Heard that County by-law staff and OPP are currently receiving a manageable level COVID-related calls and complaints. Both groups are continuing to monitor call levels and will be reviewing current procedures as necessary.

For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 including current statistics, please visit the <u>Lambton Public Health website</u> and the <u>Province of Ontario website</u>. Facility closures and a list of financial supports and resources are listed on the <u>Lambton County website</u>.

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