



*City of Sarnia*

***MEDIA RELEASE***

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 9

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The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 9, 2020, at 9:00 am regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the city's decision to proceed with the lifting of some local restrictions to align with the Government of Ontario's implementation of Phase 1 of "A Framework for Reopening our Province", we recognize that families are eager to get in touch with each other. With tomorrow being Mother's Day, we would like to remind everyone that it remains imperative that we stay the course and respect the health measures that remain in place, such as the requirement to maintain physical distancing and not gather in groups of more than 5 people.

Following advice from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020, non-essential retail stores with a street entrance can begin offering curbside pickup and delivery, this is as long as they ensure they can continue to comply with the strict public health measures that remain in place and are able to operate safely to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions about what businesses are able to reopen over the next week or how these changes may impact your own business or employment, [the Government of Ontario has provided a web page with updates to frequently asked questions](#). You may also contact the Government of Ontario's "[Stop the Spread Business Information Line](#)" that can be reached online or by telephone at [1-888-444-3659](tel:1-888-444-3659)

Please note all businesses may continue to deliver work and services online, by telephone or by mail/delivery. Teleworking and online commerce are also generally permitted at all times. Please use the Government of Ontario's web site to access [Ontario Regulation 82/20](#), where the specific rules and regulations affecting closures are outlined.

### **Park Amenities and Public Beaches**

We would like to remind the public that all outdoor facilities, their associated parking lots, and public beaches will remain closed until the Government of Ontario rescinds its ban. This includes:

- Sports fields, playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, off-leash dog parks, beaches, skateboard and BMX parks, picnic areas, park shelters, outdoor exercise equipment, and condo parks.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 9 SPCG can report that:

### **Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County**

Confirmed Cases	194
Number of Related Deaths	16
Institutional Outbreaks	1
Resolved Outbreaks	3

### **By-Law Enforcement - COVID-19 Reporting System**

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	848
Total number of emails received	709
Total number of phone calls received	139
Total number of fines issued	5

### **Lambton Public Health**

- 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).

### **Provincial Orders**

The current State of Emergency will remain in effect until May 12, 2020 <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-extends-emergency-orders-to-help-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19.html>

The Sarnia 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](http://www.sarnia.ca), Facebook, and/or Twitter for updates.

**For further information, please contact:**

**City of Sarnia COVID-19 Hotline**

[covid@sarnia.ca](mailto:covid@sarnia.ca) or 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or 519-332-0932

City of Sarnia, Customer Service

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