



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: May 12, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate

FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 12

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 12, 2020, at 9:00 am regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the assistance of the County of Lambton, Lambton Public Health, and Bluewater Health, the City of Sarnia hosted a COVID-19 Community News Conference, titled "Sarnia-Lambton Recovery Road Map" May 12 at 10:30 a.m. This News Conference focused on our local economy and tourism, with local economic business partners and community leaders providing details on what we can expect moving forward. Medical experts also provided a local update on COVID-19.

A recording of the broadcast can be viewed at the City of Sarnia's webpage that can be reached at: <https://www.sarnia.ca/may-12-2020-virtual-community-meeting/>

Today is the [first Provincial Day of Action on Litter in Ontario](#). We all play a role in maintaining a cleaner, healthier Ontario. To learn more about the impacts of litter & waste on the environment and how to prevent, reduce and divert waste at home and from our parks at please refer to the following link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/provincial-day-action-litter>.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 12 SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	203
Number of Related Deaths	17
Institutional Outbreaks	1

Resolved Outbreaks	3
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By-Law Enforcement - COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	858
Total number of emails received	717
Total number of phone calls received	141
Total number of fines issued	5

Lambton Public Health

- If you are in distress (e.g. significant trouble breathing, chest pain, fainting, or have a significant worsening of any chronic disease symptoms), do not go to an Assessment Centre. Call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.
- If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has symptoms, please self-isolate and use the [Ontario Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you need to seek further care.

Provincial Orders

The current State of Emergency will remain in effect until May 19, 2020, unless extended. <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, Facebook, and/or Twitter for updates.

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For further information, please contact:

City of Sarnia COVID-19 Hotline

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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