



*City of Sarnia*

**MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE: May 13, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate

FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 13

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The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 13, 2020, at 9:15 am regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government of Ontario has begun allowing certain businesses and workplaces to reopen as long as they comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you are in the process of reopening or have reopened your business please refer to the links below to gather more detail on how to ensure your workplace is safe for your workers and consumers.

[Guidance Document for Essential Workplaces](#) or  
<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/workplaces/>

If you have questions and require more information on workplaces that can safely reopen, please refer to the [list of essential workplaces](#).

It remains imperative that members of the community continue to obtain their information regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic from trusted governmental sources such as the [Government of Ontario](#) for up to date information provincially.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 13 SPCG can report that:

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

Confirmed Cases	204
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	870
Total number of emails received	728
Total number of phone calls received	142
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 Government of Ontario has extended the Declaration of Emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until June 2, 2020. <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/declaration-of-emergency-extended-while-ontario-gradually-reopens-the-economy.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.

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**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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