



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: May 15, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 15

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

The City of Sarnia would like to notify the public that curbside collection of large bulk items will resume June 1st-5th, as originally scheduled, within the 2020 [Waste Calendar](#).

On May 14th the Province announced details of the first phase of re-opening. You can find details of Stage 1 “A Framework for Reopening our Province” online: https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-1-en-2020-05-14.pdf?_ga=2.205373392.1594258450.1589464670-376172068.1588598938

This is a positive step forward across the Province and the City is currently reviewing the Provincial phase one announcements and finalizing preparations for the reopening of limited facilities that allow for participation in individual sporting activities.

We encourage the public to participate in individual physical fitness while taking advantage of our public open spaces. We remind citizens that these amenities are not destinations and groups of individuals should avoid congregating and maintain physical distancing.

The City’s Off Leash Dog Park in Germain Park will be opening upon completion of preseason maintenance, which has been delayed due to inclement weather.

For those with a cottage or secondary property, we ask that everyone avoid unnecessary travel and remain at their primary residence. However, if travel to an additional property is required, be sure to bring all necessary amenities and resources, and follow local public health recommendations.

As of 9:15 a.m. on May 15 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	213
Number of Related Deaths	17
Institutional Outbreaks	1
Resolved Outbreaks	3

By-Law Enforcement - COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	894
Total number of emails received	747
Total number of phone calls received	147
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, Facebook, and/or Twitter for updates.

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

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