



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 16

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 16, 2020, at 9:00 am regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lambton Public Health has confirmed that two additional outbreaks have been declared within the Sarnia-Lambton Area since yesterday, Marshall Gowland Manor in Sarnia and an unidentified retirement facility, that will be publically identified once family members have been notified.

The administration team of Marshall Gowland Manor learned that a resident tested positive for the COVID-19 virus yesterday evening, and are diligently following all of the policies and protocols put in place by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Long Term Care in order to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

We would like to remind our citizen's that the City's Off Leash Dog Park in Germain Park remains closed and will be opening upon completion of preseason maintenance, which has been delayed due to inclement weather. For those who wish to seek an alternative, the privately owned Blackwell Trails Off Leash Dog Park is now open. Citizens are asked to direct any inquiries to Waste Management by dialing 1-800-665-1898 or by email at eca@wm.com.

As we continue to see nicer weather in our area, we encourage the public to participate in individual physical fitness while taking advantage of public open spaces. We remind citizens that these amenities are not destinations and groups of individuals should not be congregating in these areas. Please ensure you are maintaining physical distancing and proper hand hygiene, as these efforts will continue our fight to stop the spread of COVID-19.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 16 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	217
Number of Related Deaths	18
Institutional Outbreaks	3
Resolved Outbreaks	3

By-Law Enforcement - COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	908
Total number of emails received	753
Total number of phone calls received	155
Total number of fines issued	5

Local Updates

The City of Sarnia would like to notify the public that Sarnia Transit services will not be running on Monday, May 18, and City Hall will be closed in recognition of Victoria Day.

Curbside collection of large bulk items will resume June 1st-5th, as originally scheduled, within the 2020 [Waste Calendar](#).

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.

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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