



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 19

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

The Government of Ontario in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended all [Emergency Orders](#) currently in place until May 29, 2020.

Effective today, the Province is officially entering the first stage of its [Framework for Reopening the Province](#). Please continue to monitor the [list of essential workplaces](#) and <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/> for up to date information in regard to the current situation in our Province.

As the economy begins to reopen, we remind citizens to continue following public health measures, such as maintaining physical distancing by staying 2 metres apart from others, washing hands regularly, and staying home if feeling unwell.

Regarding the COVID-19 situation in Lambton County, current statistics are available on the [Lambton Public Health website](#), including a detailed [community snapshot](#).

Facility closures and a list of local supports and resources are listed on the [City of Sarnia](#) website.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 19 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	225
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Number of Related Deaths	19
Institutional Outbreaks	3
Resolved Outbreaks	3

By-Law Enforcement - COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	926
Total number of emails received	771
Total number of phone calls received	155
Total number of fines issued	5

Local Updates

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.

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For further information, please contact:

City of Sarnia COVID-19 Hotline

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