



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: May 20, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate

FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 20

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 20, 2020, at 9:15 am regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County of Lambton Social Services Division confirmed that two centerbased child care sites are set to open for emergency child care services for essential worker families only.

London Bridge Child Care will open one site on May 25, 2020 and the YMCA will open one site on June 1, 2020. This is in addition to Wee Watch Home Child who has also been offering emergency child care.

Space is still very limited, and the importance of keeping children at home where at all possible has been stressed. Child care should be used as a last resort.

Essential workers seeking emergency child care, should contact the Lambton County Children's Services Department office directly:

• Child Care Admin email: childcareadmin@county-lambton.on.ca

Child Care Admin phone: 519-344-2057 ext.2201

As of 9:15 a.m. on May 20 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	230
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	940
Total number of emails received	777
Total number of phone calls received	163
Total number of fines issued	5

Local Update

Please note that effective, May 21, 2020 the City Compost Site will be available for contractor bulk purchases <u>online</u> and will also be reinstating fees for brush drop off. Leaf and yard waste drop off will continue at no charge.

Monday, May 25, 2020 purchases of compost, mulch and woodchips will be available at the compost site gate by debit or credit. Hours of operation will remain 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The compost site will not be open Saturdays, until further notice. Residents can expect possible delays at the site due to limited access at gates.

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 <u>Ontario Self-Assessment Tool</u> to determine if you need to seek further care.

Provincial Orders

The Government of Ontario has extended the <u>Declaration of Emergency</u> under the <u>Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act</u> until June 2, 2020.

The Government of Ontario has extended all <u>Emergency Orders</u> currently in place until May 29, 2020.

Provincial Update

Canada and the United States have agreed to extend the closure of their shared borders for non-essential travel to June 21, 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

City of Sarnia, Customer Service customerservice@sarnia.ca or 519-332-0330 ext.3131