



## City of Sarnia

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE: May 22, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate

FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 22

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 22, 2020, at 9:15 am regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lambton Public health (LPH) will be conducting a <a href="COVID-19 Telephone">COVID-19 Telephone</a>
<a href="Survey">Survey</a>, with randomly selected adults in Lambton County, in the coming weeks. Survey responses will help LPH to better understand the knowledge and behaviours of the community around COVID-19 and help identify and address community needs.

LPH is using market research company Ipsos to complete the calls and surveys. Calls will appear as a 416 area code, and will take about 15 minutes to complete. Information collected is confidential, and participation is voluntary. For further details, visit the following links: <a href="https://www.lambtonpublichealth.ca/covid-19-survey">www.lambtonpublichealth.ca/covid-19-survey</a>

Citizens are reminded that the COVID-19 pandemic remains a serious public threat. With warmer weather now here, it is extremely important to keep in mind the orders and directives that remain in place such as, physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, and not gathering in groups larger than 5 people while. These collective efforts continue to assist us in our fight in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

<u>Keeping recreational facilities open and safe for citizens</u>, while respecting provincial orders and public health guidelines is a shared responsibility. We all have a role to play in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

As of 9:15 a.m. on May 22 the SPCG can report that:

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

Confirmed Cases	243
Recovered Cases	173
Number of Related Deaths	19
Current Active Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	3
Resolved Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	3

**By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System** 

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	953
Total number of emails received	788
Total number of phone calls received	165
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 <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.

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

covid@sarnia.ca or 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or 519-332-0932

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