



*City of Sarnia*

***MEDIA RELEASE***

DATE: May 26, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate  
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 26

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The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lambton Public Health confirmed an outbreak at Lambton Meadowview Villa in Petrolia with one staff member testing positive for COVID-19.

Bluewater Health and Lambton Public Health announced the availability of COVID-19 testing for all Sarnia Lambton residents regardless of symptoms. To read more information on COVID-19 assessments now broadly available for the Sarnia-Lambton community visit:  
<https://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/news/covid-19-assessments-broadly-available-for-sarnia-lambton-community>

The City of Sarnia would like to remind citizens that the COVID-19 Pandemic is a serious public threat.

Following the Government of Ontario's lifting of restrictions on outdoor recreational amenities, some do remain closed. Additional details are available on the City's website: <https://www.sarnia.ca/parks-playgrounds/>

The City of Sarnia would like to thank the community for their continued commitment in following public health guidelines. The success of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community is dependent on our collective actions.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 26 the SPCG can report that:

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

Confirmed Cases	251
Recovered Cases	180
Number of Related Deaths	21
Current Active Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	4
Resolved Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	3

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

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1012
Total number of emails received	838
Total number of phone calls received	174
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.

The Government of Ontario has extended all Emergency Orders 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](http://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](mailto:covid@sarnia.ca) or 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or 519-332-0932

City of Sarnia, Customer Service

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