



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: May 29, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 29

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 29, 2020, at 9:15 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City of Sarnia owned dog park located in Germain Park is completing preseason maintenance and we thank the public for their patience. The park will open to the public on June 1st.

The best way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is by staying home and avoiding close contact with others outside of your household.

The Provincial Ministry of Health [recommends a face mask](#) or covering to reduce the risk of transmission, when physical distancing and keeping a two-meter distance from others may be challenging or not possible, such as traveling on public transit.

To align with [the provincial direction](#), Sarnia Transit is now recommending that passengers utilize face coverings. We also continue to encourage all passengers to utilize the hand sanitizer provided on buses, and to physically distance as much as possible.

Sarnia Transit continues to adapt operations to meet Public Health recommendations for both operators and passengers.

The Province of Ontario's website provides information on face coverings and face masks. You can [learn about face coverings](#) and how to properly wear, fit, remove and clean your non-medical face mask. Medical masks should be reserved for use by health care workers and first responders.

It is recommended that face coverings not be used by everyone, including children under the age of two or anyone who has trouble breathing.

Lambton Public Health provides additional resources:

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/protect-yourself/>

As of 9:15 a.m. on May 29 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	261
Recovered Cases	196
Number of Related Deaths	22
Current Active Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	2
Resolved Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	5

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1050
Total number of emails received	868
Total number of phone calls received	182
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 9, 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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