



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: May 31, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate

FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – May 31

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on May 31, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective May 30, 2020, drive-through testing has been made available at the Sarnia-Lambton COVID-19 Assessment Centre located at Sarnia Twin Bridges Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic.

Lambton Public Health has confirmed that a total of 6,500 tests have been conducted to date in the Sarnia-Lambton area with 96 percent coming back negative. While this is positive to report, it is important to remember, the virus is still actively present in our community and as we see an increase in the number of recoveries we are still seeing an increase in confirmed cases.

The City of Sarnia would like to remind our community members that the best way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is by staying home and avoiding close contact with others outside of your household. 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.

Please note 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.

The City of Sarnia would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their ongoing diligence, we recognize that citizens have been

tasked with a great amount of responsibility to protect everyone in our community and so far everyone has been doing their part. We appreciate everyone's efforts thus far, and together we will get through this one day at a time.

As of 9:00 a.m. on May 31 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	263
Recovered Cases	200
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	1061
Total number of emails received	878
Total number of phone calls received	183
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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