



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: June 1, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 1

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on June 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sarnia City Council voted today to reinstate bus fares, on June 15, 2020. During the Declaration of Emergency, related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the standard \$3.00 fare will be reduced to \$1.50. Passengers are expected to pay every time they board a bus. To ensure passenger and employee safety, no transfers will be issued to minimize physical interaction. All transit fare prices are listed on the City's website, along with prorated pass prices for June 2020.

In April 2020 Sarnia Transit began operating a Sunday level bus service from Monday to Saturday. This schedule will continue, as we encourage passengers to physically distance while travelling for essential purposes while discouraging non-essential trips.

The modified weekday bus schedule will still begin at 6:30am and evening service will continue to operate. No changes are being made to existing Sunday bus service or start time. Additional information is available online: <https://www.sarnia.ca/transit-updates/>

Drive-through COVID-19 testing is available in Sarnia – Lambton at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, in the Twin Bridges Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic. Additional information is available: <https://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/news/drive-through-testing-comes-to-sarnia-lambton>

Lambton Public Health has confirmed through their [Summary Page](#) that four percent of the 6,657 COVID-19 tests done to date have been positive in Sarnia-Lambton. It is important to remember as we see an increase in the number of recoveries however, the virus is still actively present in our community.

The 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 a challenge or is not possible, such as traveling on public transit.

As of 9:00 a.m. on June 1 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	263
Recovered Cases	201
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	1063
Total number of emails received	880
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.

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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

City of Sarnia, Customer Service

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