



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: June 5, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 5

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on June 5, 2020, at 9:15 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sarnia Transit continues to operate for essential trips only, within a modified Sunday service, and capacity is limited. Fares will be reinstated effective June 15th at a new rate of \$1.50, half the normal rate. For the safety of drivers and passengers, traditional transfers will not be issued due to pandemic measures.

For regular transit users, purchasing a monthly pass or sheets of tickets is still the most economical method. Monthly passes for June have been pro-rated to \$40.00, and seniors passes have been pro-rated to \$32.00. Cost of a sheet of 20 tickets has been reduced to \$30. A pass for use in July and August, called a Summer Savings pass, is available for \$114, which works out to \$57 per month.

Tickets and passes are available on the [City website](https://www.sarnia.ca/transit-updates/) or by phone at 519-332-0330 Ext 3131 and at ticket and pass outlets. For more information visit: <https://www.sarnia.ca/transit-updates/>

The Sarnia Police Service and Sarnia By-Law want to ensure that the "Cove," located beyond the west end of Canatara Beach, remains a safe place for citizens of Sarnia to enjoy. There will be zero tolerance regarding alcohol, excessive noise, indecent acts, or any other violations. Throughout the summer, this area will be patrolled to ensure it remains safe and enjoyable for use.

As a result of the City's COVID-19 Cost Mitigation Strategy student and seasonal staff hiring is suspended. As a result, the City's ability to reopen and maintain certain indoor and outdoor sports facilities have been impacted.

Currently the City of Sarnia has cancelled spring and summer programs until at least July 3rd, 2020. This includes arena and facility bookings, waterfront programming, summer concerts, festivals and events outlined in the [Summer Activity Guide](#) such as summer camps, recreation programs and swimming lessons.

Ensuring facilities and amenities are safe for citizens, 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 June 5 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	7575
Percent of Test Results Positive	3.5%
Confirmed Cases	267
Recovered Cases	217
Number of Related Deaths	24
Current Active Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	1
Resolved Long Term Care and Retirement Home Outbreaks	6

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1082
Total number of emails received	896
Total number of phone calls received	188
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

Following [A Framework for Reopening our Province](#) the [list of essential workplaces](#) continues to be updated, and can be viewed here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>.

The Government of Ontario has extended the [Declaration of Emergency](#) until June 30, 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

customerservice@sarnia.ca or 519-332-0330 ext.3131

open alcohol to underage to intoxicated in a public place.
combined charged