*City of Sarnia*

***MEDIA RELEASE***

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From: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

Subject: COVID-19 Update – June 7

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on June 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ontario government, after consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, extended emergency orders currently in force under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act [until June 19, 2020](https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-extends-emergency-orders-to-support-its-reopening-efforts.htm). The [declaration of emergency](https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/declaration-of-emergency-extended-while-ontario-gradually-reopens-the-economy.html) is currently in effect until June 30, 2020.

Citizens are reminded to continue in helping stop the spread of COVID-19 by practicing physical distancing, staying at least two metres apart from those outside their immediate household, washing hands thoroughly and frequently, and, if physical distancing is a challenge wearing a face covering.

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.

Sarnia Transit continues to operate for essential trips only, within a modified Sunday service, and capacity is limited. Fares will be reinstated effective June 15, 2020. For the safety of drivers and passengers, traditional transfers will not be issued due to pandemic measures. For details visit: <https://www.sarnia.ca/transit-updates/>

Recreational programming including: arena and facility bookings, summer concerts, festivals and events, and items outlined in the [Summer Activity Guide](https://www.sarnia.ca/activities-guide/) have been cancelled until at least July 3, 2020. As a result of the City’s COVID-19 Cost Mitigation Strategy, the ability to reopen, maintain and provide this programming has been impacted.

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 9:00 a.m. on June 7 the SPCG can report that:

# [**Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County**](https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/summary-of-covid-19-cases-in-lambton-county/)

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| Test Results Received (as per last available daily update) | 8,106 |
| Percent of Test Results Positive | 3.3% |
| Confirmed Cases | 268 |
| Recovered Cases | 223 |
| Number of Related Deaths | 25 |
| 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**

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| Total number of complaints and inquiries received | 1094 |
| Total number of emails received | 906 |
| 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](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0) to determine if you need to seek further care.

# **Provincial Orders**

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

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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