



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: June 8, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 8

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on June 8, 2020, at 9:15 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government of Ontario has now confirmed that effective this Friday, June 12, 2020, the Province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to ten people across the Province, regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2 for reopening.

All places of worship in Sarnia-Lambton will be permitted to open with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity to ensure the safety of worshippers.

At this time, the Government of Ontario has excluded Sarnia-Lambton from Stage 2 re-opening. Details regarding this decision can be found here:

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-permits-more-businesses-and-services-to-reopen-in-the-coming-days.html>

The City's top priority continues to be the safety and well-being of the citizens of Sarnia. The SPCG continue to have daily discussions on the re-opening process for the City of Sarnia. Until further direction is received from the Province, our community is being asked to remain vigilant.

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.

As of 9:15 a.m. on June 8 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	8,177
Percent of Test Results Positive	3.3%
Confirmed Cases	270
Recovered Cases	226
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

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,102
Total number of emails received	912
Total number of phone calls received	190
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 Government of Ontario has extended all emergency orders currently in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until June 19, 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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