



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: June 9, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 9

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

The Government of Ontario has confirmed that emergency child care will come to an end on June 26, 2020 and that all licensed child care centres province-wide will be permitted to reopen. For further details regarding the reopening of child care facilities in the Province please visit:
<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/06/ontario-helping-parents-return-to-work.html>

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>

Lambton's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ranade, confirmed that Lambton Public Health will be asking the Province to reconsider Sarnia-Lambton's position on entering stage 2 of Ontario's plan to reopen.

Dr. Ranade confirmed that the data provided by Lambton Public Health to the Province shows the risk level in Lambton County is no higher than other jurisdictions. He will be asking the Province for further clarification on the indicators in which they used to make their decision. For further details from Lambton Public Health please visit:
<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/province-of-ontario-does-not-permit-lambton-county-to-reopen-in-stage-2/>

The Government of Ontario has confirmed that effective Friday, June 12, 2020, the Province will increase the limit on social gatherings from five to ten people, 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.

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

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	8,277
Percent of Test Results Positive	3.3%
Confirmed Cases	270
Recovered Cases	229
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	1,107
Total number of emails received	916
Total number of phone calls received	191
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

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