



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 12

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on June 10, 2020, at 9:15 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) has been recommending that the City adopt a measured approach in its review of services and restrictions currently in place, in line with recommendations made by the Government of Ontario and Lambton Public Health.

The washrooms located north of the Lambton Area Water Supply System (LAWSS) water treatment plant's west parking lot, will be opening June 13, 2020 and available for use daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Municipal parking lots associated with beaches and additional washroom facilities reopened today. Details can be found here: <https://www.sarnia.ca/media-releases/covid-19-update-municipal-parking-lots-reopen/>

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 Public Health has asked the Province to reconsider Sarnia-Lambton's position on entering stage 2 of Ontario's plan to reopen. 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/>

Today the limit on social gatherings increased from five to ten people, for all regions regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2 for reopening.

[The Government of Ontario has encouraged establishing Social Circles.](#)

All places of worship in Sarnia-Lambton are now 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.

In light of the easing of these restrictions, we remind residents that physical distancing and other safety measures aimed at stopping the spread of COVID-19 should not be eased.

As of 9:15 a.m. on June 12 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	8,899
Percent of Test Results Positive	3.1%
Confirmed Cases	274
Active Cases	16
Recovered Cases	233
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	1,117
Total number of emails received	923
Total number of phone calls received	194
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

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