



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 15

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

The Government of Canada has benefits to help Canadians and businesses facing hardship as a result of COVID-19. Details can be found online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/covid19-emergency-benefits.html>. Additional information on the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) can be found online here: <https://ceba-cuec.ca/>.

The Government of Ontario has confirmed that Friday June 19, 2020 Sarnia-Lambton will enter Stage 2 of the [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>.

[More regions are moving into Stage 2](#) due to positive trends of key public health indicators at the local level, including lower transmission of COVID-19, sufficient hospital health system capacity, local public health capacity to assist with rapid case and contact management, and a significant increase in testing provincially.

The Stage 2 framework outlines several details for establishments that provide personal services, retail services and food services, as well as outdoor and recreational activities and care and community services. Additional details can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province-stage-2>

Provincial resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace are available. Find sector-specific guidelines and posters to help protect workers, customers and the general public from COVID-19 in Ontario. Details can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/resources-prevent-covid-19-workplace>

Sarnia Transit continues to operate within a modified Sunday service. Fares have been reinstated at a new rate of \$1.50, half the normal rate. For regular transit users, purchasing a monthly pass or sheets of tickets is still the most economical method. For more details visit: <https://www.sarnia.ca/transit-updates/>

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

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	9,433
Percent of Test Results Positive	2.9%
Confirmed Cases	276
Active Cases	16
Recovered Cases	235
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	1,125
Total number of emails received	930
Total number of phone calls received	195
Total number of fines issued	5

Lambton Public Health

- If you are in distress 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.
- Local COVID-19 testing information is available online: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-criteria/>

Provincial Orders

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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