



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: June 18, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate

FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 18

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on June 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19.

The broader Area Community Primary Control Group (ACPCG) has been meeting 7 days a week since March 13. This group, consisting of staff and political leaders from the City of Sarnia, Village of Point Edward, Aamjiwnaang First Nations, Lambton Public Health and the County of Lambton will continue to meet, deliberate, and lead our communities throughout the pandemic, as Sarnia-Lambton moves into Stage 2.

Starting June 19, 2020 the ACPCG will be now meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the SPCG will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, to ensure all new information regarding the pandemic is actioned upon.

Lambton Public Health has formally declared Bluewater Health (BWH) to be in outbreak. BWH learned that three staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. BWH has confirmed the source of the outbreak has been removed and impacted individuals are all isolating at home.

BWH has stated that appropriate next steps are being determined over the next 48 hours to ensure the health and safety of their staff and patients and they are confident they will be able to get this outbreak under control.

The Government of Canada has confirmed that Sarnia-Lambton enters Stage 2 of the [Framework for Reopening our Province](https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces) June 19, 2020. The list of essential workplaces continues to be updated, and can be viewed here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>.

As of 9:00 a.m. on June 18 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	9,998
Percent of Test Results Positive	2.8%
Confirmed Cases	279
Recovered Cases	239
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	14
Current Active Outbreaks	2
Resolved Outbreaks	6

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,129
Total number of emails received	933
Total number of phone calls received	196
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/>
- To view detailed reports of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County visit:
<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/summary-of-covid-19-cases-in-lambton-county/>

Provincial Orders

The Government of Ontario has extended the [Declaration of Emergency](#) and [emergency orders](#) currently in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act until June 30, 2020.

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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