City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – June 19

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

Effective today, Sarnia-Lambton proceeds into Stage 2 of a [Framework for Reopening our Province](). We would like to thank the citizens of our community for their continued commitment to combating this Pandemic. While we are in Stage 2 and working towards Stage 3, the City would like to remind citizens that the virus is still actively present within the community and Provincial orders, directives and safety measures that are in place have not been eased.

Given restaurants, retail stores and services are beginning to re-open their doors, there is increased pressure on municipal parking spaces, including the downtown. City By-Law Officers are monitoring the downtown daily to chalk tires and enforce parking. We ask citizens to be mindful of public parking restrictions that are currently in place which allow citizens to access these vital businesses within our community.

The City is supporting businesses interested in expanding their presence outdoors. For more information, visit: https://www.sarnia.ca/looking-to-add-an-outdoor-space-your-business/

Recreational programming including: arena and facility bookings, summer concerts, festivals and events, and items outlined in the [Summer Activity Guide]() have been cancelled until at least July 3, 2020. As a result of the City's COVID-19 Cost Mitigation Strategy, the ability to reopen, maintain and provide this programming has been impacted.

Mayor Mike Bradley stated, "Council's doing everything it can to work with the business community, with labour, to see how we can continue to assist people. We're tightening up our spending. We cut over $2 million, which means less service to the community."

Lambton Public Health has declared an outbreak at Afton Park Place. This brings the total number of active outbreaks within the City of Sarnia to two, as Bluewater Health was declared in outbreak yesterday.

As of 9:15 a.m. on June 19 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	10,240
Percent of Test Results Positive	2.7%
Confirmed Cases	281
Recovered Cases	240
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	15
Current Active Outbreaks	2
Resolved Outbreaks	7

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,133
Total number of emails received	936
Total number of phone calls received	197
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:

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covid@sarnia.ca or 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or 519-332-0932

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