



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – July 8

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on July 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. regarding developments related to the COVID-19.

Today, Lambton Public Health released a technical brief examining the case for mandatory mask use to further prevent the spread of COVID-19. Details can be found here: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/lambton-public-health-releases-technical-brief-examining-mandatory-mask-use-in-lambton-county/>

Use of a face covering is recommended (non-medical mask such as a cloth mask) to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 when physical distancing and keeping two-metres' distance from others may be challenging or not possible, such as:

- public transit
- smaller grocery stores or pharmacies
- when you are receiving essential services

More information on face coverings and masks is available on the Government of Ontario's website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/face-coverings-and-face-masks> and on the Lambton Public Health website: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/protect-yourself/#face-coverings>.

Today, the province introduced the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act*, proposed legislation that lays the foundation to restart jobs and development, strengthen communities, and create opportunity for people in every region of the province. More details can be found online here: <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/07/ontario-starting-down-the-path-to-growth-renewal-and-economic-recovery-1.html>

Throughout the pandemic, stay up to date with the City's latest response efforts by frequently checking <https://www.sarnia.ca/covid-19/>. Please visit the City's website www.sarnia.ca, [Facebook](#), and/or [Twitter](#) for additional updates.

As of 9:30 a.m. on July 8 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	13,249
Percent of Test Results Positive	2.2%
Confirmed Cases	286
Recovered Cases	259
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	2
Current Active Outbreaks	0
Resolved Outbreaks	9

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,181
Total number of emails received	968
Total number of phone calls received	213
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

The Government of Ontario has extended the [Declaration of Emergency](#) currently in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until [July 15, 2020](#).

The Government of Ontario has extended all emergency orders currently in place under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until July 10, 2020.

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For further information, please contact:

City of Sarnia COVID-19 Hotline

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