



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: July 9, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – July 9

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

The Government of Ontario, in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, has [extended all emergency orders](#) currently in place under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* until July 22, 2020. The extension was made to ensure the province maintains the necessary flexibility to protect public health and safety as more businesses reopen and people go back to work.

The extension of the emergency orders will help protect vulnerable people, such as seniors, by allowing the redeployment of frontline staff in long-term care facilities, retirement homes and other congregate care settings, like women's shelters and residential services. In addition, the extension would allow public health units to redeploy or hire staff to support case management and contact tracing.

A full list of emergency orders can be found on the [e-Laws website](#) under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and at [Ontario.ca/alert](#).

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 9 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	13,499
Percent of Test Results Positive	2.1%
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	1,184
Total number of emails received	971
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 Ontario government intends to extend emergency orders to align with the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act, 2020](#), if passed. This proposed legislation is part of the government's plan to cautiously reopen Ontario in a way that recognizes the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 even after the provincial declaration of emergency has ended. The bill, if passed, would allow Ontario to continue its path to recovery by easing

restrictions where appropriate, while maintaining important select tools to address the ongoing threat of this deadly virus and protect Ontarians.

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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

City of Sarnia, Customer Service

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