



*City of Sarnia*

**MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE: July 21, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate  
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – July 21

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The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on July 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. regarding developments related to COVID-19.

On Friday July 24, 2020, Sarnia-Lambton will proceed to Stage 3 of [A Framework for Reopening our Province](#).

Municipal offices, including City Hall, Public Works, and Transit will reopen effective July 27, 2020. Visitors to City Hall will be required to use the Christina Street entrance. We continue to encourage citizens to contact us when possible by phone, email, online, or by appointment.

Several park amenities are currently open. A detailed listing is available on the City website: <https://www.sarnia.ca/parks-playgrounds/>

As per Stage 3 of the provincial framework, park playgrounds are permitted to reopen. Sarnia staff will finish completing inspections and surface preparations so that all park equipment will be available for use August 1, 2020. All remaining public park washrooms will open July 24, 2020.

Community Services continues to take a disciplined, responsible and measured approach to reopening:

- PASA Rink 2 reopens August 4
- PASA Rink 1 and Clearwater Arena reopen September 14
- Sarnia Arena reopens September 21
- Cox Youth Centre Pool and Splash Pad reopens from August 1 to August 30
- Lifeguarding services for Canatara Beach resumes from August 1 to August 30

- Sport field permits can now be issued for organized sports effective August 1, 2020. The issuance of permits can be completed by email to [parksandrecreation@sarnia.ca](mailto:parksandrecreation@sarnia.ca)

The Strangway Centre will remain closed until further notice. All summer camps and swimming lessons will not be offered this year.

As of 9:30 a.m. on July 21 the SPCG can report that:

### **Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County**

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	15,452
Percent of Test Results Positive	1.9%
Confirmed Cases	292
Recovered Cases	260
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	7
Current Active Outbreaks	0
Resolved Outbreaks	9

### **By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System**

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,222
Total number of emails received	1,005
Total number of phone calls received	217
Total number of fines issued	5

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](http://www.sarnia.ca), [Facebook](#), and/or [Twitter](#) for additional updates.

### **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 Updates**

Please visit the link below for further details surrounding Stage 3:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province-stage-3>

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 24, 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 29, 2020.

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](https://ontario.ca/alert).

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**For further information, please contact:**

**City of Sarnia COVID-19 Hotline**

[covid@sarnia.ca](mailto: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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