



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: July 22, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – July 22

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on July 22, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. regarding developments related to COVID-19.

Lambton County's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ranade, said that other provinces, and some cities in Ontario are seeing an increase in COVID-19 positive cases in the 20 - 49 age demographic and that the sources of disease transmission can often be linked to parties and social gatherings where people are socializing and may not be taking precautionary measures such as staying home when sick, maintaining a two metre distance from others, wearing a mask when physical distancing is not possible, and performing good hand hygiene.

The County of Lambton, Social Services Division provided an update on child care services in the Sarnia-Lambton area. Social Services confirmed that with the transition into Stage 3 child care centres will continue to operate with strict health and safety requirements in place and more children will be allowed within child care centres.

Social Services confirmed that at this time there will be a phased in approach for implementation of these guidelines, based on individual providers in the Sarnia-Lambton area and it will occur gradually. For more information regarding child care centres visit:

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/workplaces/child-care-centres/>

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 Monday 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 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 22 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	261
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	6
Current Active Outbreaks	0
Resolved Outbreaks	9

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,224
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Total number of emails received	1,007
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, [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 or 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or 519-332-0932

City of Sarnia, Customer Service

customerservice@sarnia.ca or 519-332-0330 ext.3131