



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: July 23, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – July 23

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on July 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. regarding developments related to COVID-19.

The Office of the City Clerk received a petition to call a Special Meeting to consider the adoption of a By-Law to require businesses to establish policies requiring the wearing of masks or face coverings within their establishments located in the City of Sarnia.

A Special Meeting of Sarnia City Council will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with members participating by video/teleconference in a hybrid format.

This meeting will be web streamed through a link available through the City's website www.virtualsarnia.ca where an electronic copy of the agenda will also be made available.

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

Several park amenities are currently open. Park playgrounds and play equipment are set to re-open August 1, 2020 with over 25 play structures, 85 sets of swings and more than 35 slides spanned over 68 Parks. Staff are actively working to complete inspections and surface preparations in order to provide a safe re-opening. New signage encouraging safe-use measures will be installed. All remaining public park washrooms will open July 24, 2020.

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.sarnia.ca/parks-playgrounds/>

As of 9:30 a.m. on July 23 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	1,241
Total number of emails received	1,023
Total number of phone calls received	218
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