



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: July 24, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – July 24

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on July 24, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. regarding developments related to COVID-19.

Today Sarnia-Lambton proceeded to Stage 3 of [A Framework for Reopening our Province](#).

City Hall, Public Works and the Sarnia Transit offices will reopen Monday, July 27, adhering to the Reopening Sarnia Plan that was developed in response to COVID-19. We continue to encourage citizens to contact us electronically by phone, email, online, or by appointment. Details of the Reopening Sarnia Plan can be viewed on our website:
<https://www.sarnia.ca/app/uploads/2020/07/ReOpening-Sarnia-1.pdf>

The public will be required to enter and exit using the Christina Street entrance, and are asked to attend Customer Service.

Customer Service, which is located on the main floor lobby, will be the “One Stop Shop” for payments and services. Where possible, public access in City Hall will be maintained to the main floor lobby and washroom.

In support of streamlined services that are safe for residents and staff, floor decals and directional signage are in the lobby. Sanitizer and face masks will be made available to the public.

Image: City Hall Public Entrance on Christina Street



Several park amenities are currently open, and all public park washrooms are now opened. Staff are actively working to complete inspections and surface preparations in order to provide a safe re-opening of park playgrounds and play equipment for August 1, 2020.

Beginning Saturday, August 1 to Sunday, August 30, the Cox Youth Centre Pool and Splash Pad will be open for free public swim and splash pad play. The maximum number of people allowed for each public swim session is 75, including lifeguard staff and parents. Additional guidelines and procedures will be in effect to ensure safe usage. There will be no swimming lessons or private rentals offered during the 2020 season. For more information on available times and requirements, visit our website:

<https://www.sarnia.ca/parks-playgrounds/>

A Special Meeting of Sarnia City Council will be held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with Councillors participating by video/teleconference in a hybrid format. Council Chambers shall be closed to the public due to COVID-19.

This meeting will be web streamed through a link on the City's website www.virtualsarnia.ca, and on the City Facebook page.

As of 9:30 a.m. on July 24 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	15,851
Percent of Test Results Positive	1.8%
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	1,251
Total number of emails received	1,032
Total number of phone calls received	219
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 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](#).

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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