



*City of Sarnia*

**MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE: August 12, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate  
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update – August 12

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The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met via teleconference on August 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. regarding developments related to COVID-19.

Lambton Kent District School Board's Superintendent of Education, Mark Sherman, provided an update on the return to learn plan for local public elementary and secondary schools. A detailed document on school reopening is scheduled to be distributed publicly by the school board later this week.

Lambton Public Health and Chatham-Kent Public Health, in partnership with local school boards, have prepared a letter for families with information on deciding whether or not to send their children back to school in the fall. You can read the letter on the [Lambton Public Health website](#).

Information on [Ontario's Plan for the Safe Reopening of Schools](#) in the fall is available online here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-reopening-schools>.

County of Lambton, Social Services Division provided an update on the vulnerable population and the reopening of before and after school programs in the Sarnia-Lambton area. Social Services confirmed that the health and safety of students is their top priority with the resumption of after school programs. For more information on local school boards visit: <https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/resident-services/schools.aspx>

As of July 24, 2020 the City of Sarnia entered Stage 3 of the Provincial Framework for Reopening Our Province. Details can be found online here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province-stage-3>

The City of Sarnia Mask By-Law began on July 31, 2020. For more information visit: <https://www.sarnia.ca/mask-bylaw/>

Public health safety measures include staying home when sick, practicing physical distancing with others outside your social circle, use good hand hygiene, and wearing a mask if required or if physical distancing is not possible. For more information on social circles, gatherings and physical distancing visit: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/physical-distancing/>

As of 9:30 a.m. on August 12 the SPCG can report that:

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

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	19,516
Percent of Test Results Positive	1.7%
Confirmed Cases	327
Recovered Cases	293
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	9
Current Active Outbreaks	1
Resolved Outbreaks	9

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

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,282
Total number of emails received	1,063
Total number of phone calls received	219
Total number of fines issued	5

Stay up to date by frequently checking <https://www.sarnia.ca/covid-19/>. 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**

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, has amended orders [O. Reg 364/20](#): Rules for Areas in Stage 3, under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, implementing additional measures for restaurants, bars, and other food or drink establishments, as the province carefully and gradually reopens. For more information on Rules for Areas In Stage 3 visit:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364>

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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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