



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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

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

The County of Lambton Social Services Division provided an update on the vulnerable population and the reopening of their before and after school programs within the Sarnia-Lambton area.

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has released their 'September Ready Framework' for the 2020-2021 school year. For additional information surrounding the Safe Return to School Project please visit the link below:
<https://newsdesk.st-clair.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SeptemberReadySlideDeckBoardWebsiteAug2020.pdf>

The Lambton Kent District School Board has released their 'Reopening Our Schools' plan for the 2020-2021 school year. For additional information surrounding LKDSB's 'Reopening Our Schools' plan please visit the link below:
<https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/Community/PublicHealth/2020-2021SchoolYear/Documents/ReopeningOurSchools2020-Final.pdf>

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 19 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	20,889
Percent of Test Results Positive	1.6%
Confirmed Cases	336
Recovered Cases	299
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	12
Current Active Outbreaks	0
Resolved Outbreaks	10

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,294
Total number of emails received	1,070
Total number of phone calls received	224
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, [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

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