



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

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FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met today regarding developments related to COVID-19.

Wearing a face covering is required in public indoor spaces, and on public transit in the City of Sarnia under the <u>Mandatory Face Coverings By-Law 76 of 2020</u>.

Both ice pads at Clearwater Arena, and Progressive Auto Sales Arena Rink # 1 will open September 14, 2020. For additional details visit: https://www.sarnia.ca/covid-19/

You can take actions to help stop the spread in our community. Public health safety measures include staying home when sick, practicing physical distancing with others outside your social circle, good hand hygiene, and wearing a mask if required or if physical distancing is not possible.

For information on COVID-19 while travelling within or departing from Canada, including border restrictions, quarantine and isolation requirements visit the Government of Canada's website: https://travel.gc.ca/covid-19-travel.

The provincial government has released the <u>Operational Guidance: COVID-19 Management in Schools</u> document. The guidance document will help school boards and school authorities consistently implement prevention measures, maintain accurate records of staff, students and visitors, work with their local public health units, and take appropriate action when staff, students, or visitors become ill during the school day. It includes detailed instructions for a variety of different scenarios. It also outlines

recommendations for what parents should do to support their children. Key elements of the guidance document explain:

- The role of school boards and schools: keeping communities informed by creating a COVID-19 advisory section on both the board and school's websites;
- The role of local public health units: leading case and contact tracing activities, declaring outbreaks and directing closure of classrooms or schools where necessary;
- The critical role of parents: screening their children every day before they go to school and keeping them home if they are ill;
- Appropriate steps to take when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, including notifying the school community while respecting individual privacy; and
- Protocols to trigger various levels of public health responses or infection control measures. One case will trigger a public health response; two or more linked cases will trigger the declaration of an outbreak.

Visit the local school board websites for additional information: https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/resident-services/schools.aspx

For more information on COVID-19, visit:

- Lambton Public Health's website: https://lambtonpublichealth.ca
- Province of Ontario's website: https://covid-19.ontario.ca
- Government of Canada's website: https://www.canada.ca/en.html
- Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, Ontario Regulation 364/20 provides rules for areas in Stage 3: https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364

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

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Test Results Received (as per last available daily update)	24,124
Percent of Test Results Positive	1.4%
Confirmed Cases	341
Recovered Cases	314
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	2
Current Active Outbreaks	0
Resolved Outbreaks	10

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,305
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Total number of emails received	1,078
Total number of phone calls received	227
Total number of fines issued	5

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