



*City of Sarnia*

***MEDIA RELEASE***

DATE: October 06, 2020 RELEASE DATE: Immediate  
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

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

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a time that brings families, friends and neighbours together to share delicious food and celebrate the holiday. However, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, the City of Sarnia is reminding citizens that everyone has a role to play in protecting the community from further transmission of the virus.

When making holiday plans, remember to remain vigilant, take precautions if visiting recently reopened facilities and amenities, and explore virtual options for connecting with loved ones instead. Residents must also adhere to the Provincial limit for the number of people allowed to attend an unmonitored social gathering or organized public event – 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors while still practicing physical distancing. This includes functions, parties, dinners, gatherings, barbecues or wedding receptions held in private residences, backyards and parks.

On Monday Oct 12 Sarnia Transit buses will not be operating, City Hall and the Compost Site will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Regular waste collection will continue Monday. Citizens should have waste safely set out by 7 a.m. on their regular collection day. To help protect front-line workers, place all personal protective equipment, such as gloves, masks, wipes and tissues, in the garbage. Do not place these items in the blue box, otherwise they will not be collected if they contain any of these items.

Outdoor amenities such as parks, beaches, trails and playgrounds will be open on Thanksgiving, including park public washrooms from 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. When

using park amenities or nature trails, residents must: stay at least two metres (approximately six feet) away from others not in their household. Playgrounds are neither supervised nor sanitized and require everyone to take precautions including washing hands before and after visiting.

By-Law Enforcement is working closely with the Sarnia Police Service applying and enforcing the limits on gatherings as well as other new regulations of the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020, Ontario Reg. 364/20 as amended, which was passed by the Ontario government. The amendments include:

- making restrictions on the hours of operation of all eating establishments to 12 a.m. except for takeout and delivery.
- making additional restrictions on service and consumption of liquor/alcohol by licensed establishments to 11 p.m. for sale and service, and 12 a.m. for consumption.
- mandating the use of face coverings in all public indoor settings across the province.

For more information on COVID-19, visit:

- City of Sarnia website: <https://www.sarnia.ca/covid-19/>
- Lambton Public Health website: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca>
- Local COVID-19 Testing Assessment Centres: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-criteria/>.
- Public Health Ontario website: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>
- Province of Ontario website: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca>
- Government of Canada website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

As of 11:00 a.m. on October 6 the SPCG can report that:

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

Confirmed Cases	347
Recovered Cases	321
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	1
Current Active Outbreaks	0
Resolved Outbreaks	10

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

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,338
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Total number of emails received	1,106
Total number of phone calls received	232
Total number of fines issued	5

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**For further information, please contact:**

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