



*City of Sarnia*

***MEDIA RELEASE***

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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.

Halloween may look a little different this year, but it can still be a lot of fun. The City reminds citizens to follow Public Health advice and to make good decisions based their own unique situation.

The Province is recommending the following in order to have a safe Halloween:

- Only go out with members of your household;
- Only trick-or-treat outside;
- Both trick-or-treaters and people handing out candy should wear a face covering — a costume mask is not a substitute and should not be worn over a face covering because it may make it difficult to breathe;
- Do not congregate or linger at doorsteps and remember to line up two metres apart if you are waiting;
- Avoid high-touch surfaces and objects, such as railings and doorbells;
- Whether you are collecting or handing out treats, wash your hands often and thoroughly, or use hand sanitizer;
- If you are giving out treats, do not leave them in a bucket or bowl for children to grab. Consider using tongs or other similar tools to hand out treats;
- Avoid gatherings with people outside of your household;
- Stay home if you are feeling ill, even if you have mild symptoms, or if you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19;
- Turn off your porch light and don't hand out treats if you are sick, even with mild symptoms, or self-isolating;
- Stay within your Public Health Unit region.

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has now confirmed that no additional positive cases have been reported of COVID-19 and one additional recovery, bringing the active case load to six, which includes two outbreaks located at Twin Lakes Terrace Long-Term Care Home and the other at an unidentified workplace in Sarnia.

LPH is asking residents to get their free influenza (flu) vaccine. Flu vaccines are available at various locations across Sarnia-Lambton, including your local pharmacy, health care provider and community clinics. For more information on local Flu Shot Clinic's near you, please visit:

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/events/clinics/flu-shot/>

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/>
- [COVID-19 Case Map](#)
- 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 27 the SPCG can report that:

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

Confirmed Cases	369
Recovered Cases	338
Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	6
Current Active Outbreaks	2
Resolved Outbreaks	10

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

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,350
Total number of emails received	1,118
Total number of phone calls received	232
Total number of fines issued	5

**For further information, please contact:**

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