*City of Sarnia*

***MEDIA RELEASE***

Date: December 2, 2020 Release Date: Immediate

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.

Some modified local events, both virtual and physically distanced are taking place this week.

Christmas OFF the Farm takes place Friday December 4 and Saturday December 5. More information is available on the City’s website: <https://www.sarnia.ca/things-to-do/festivals-and-special-events/christmas-off-the-farm/>

The Sarnia Kinsmen are hosting the Reverse Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 5from 5 pm to 8 pm at Lambton College. This will be a Drive-Thru event and no walking spectators will be permitted. Vehicles can enter and exit from either Wellington Street or London Road at Lambton College, at a speed of 10km or less to view the stationary floats.  The parade theme is “Remember Our Food Banks this Christmas and Stay Safe”. Donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene products to support local food banks will be collected.

The Celebration of Lights Virtual Tour takes place on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm. This can be viewed on their [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/Sarnia-Lambton-Celebration-of-Lights-237848094967).

Lambton Public Health has moved into the Yellow Public Health Measures Level – Protect category of the [*Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*](https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open). More information is available online: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open>

For more information on COVID-19, visit:

* City of Sarnia website: <https://www.sarnia.ca/covid-19/>
* Lambton Public Health website: [https://lambtonpublichealth.ca](https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/physical-distancing/)
* Local COVID-19 Testing Assessment Centres: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-criteria/>
* [COVID-19 Case Map](https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/summary-of-covid-19-cases-in-lambton-county/)
* Public Health Ontario website: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>
* Province of Ontario website: [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus)
* Government of Canada website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

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Business owners/operators are not expected to engage in confrontations with members of the public who are not wearing a face covering. We suggest business owners/operators politely remind patrons of the By-law requirement.

Businesses also have the right to create additional standards over and above this by-law, pursuant to the Trespass to Property Act and their responsibilities under the Occupier’s Liability Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Residents must supply their own face covering. Some business owners/operators will supply masks but they are not required to do so.Residents must supply their own face covering. Some business owners/operators will supply masks but they are not required to do so.As of 2:30 p.m. on December 2 the SPCG can report that:

# [**Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County**](https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/summary-of-covid-19-cases-in-lambton-county/)

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| Confirmed Cases | 413 |
| Recovered Cases | 374 |
| Number of Related Deaths | 25 |
| Active Cases | 14 |
| Current Active Outbreaks | 0 |
| Resolved Outbreaks | 13 |
| Incidence Rate per 100,000 - Week of November 22-28, 2020 | 4.6 |

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

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| Total number of complaints and inquiries received | 1,384 |
| Total number of emails received | 1,145 |
| Total number of phone calls received | 239 |
| Total number of fines issued | 5 |

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**For further information, please contact:**

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