



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: December 9, 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.

Lambton Public Health (LPH) is asking business to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community by following the Yellow Public Health Measure guidelines. These strengthened measures include several items such as creating a safety plan, managing line-ups to ensure 2 metres distance, limiting non-adjacent fitting room stalls, and ensuring face coverings are being worn by employees and patrons. More information can be found on LPH's website: https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/ and on the Province's website: https://www.ontario.ca/page/develop-your-covid-19-workplace-safety-

plan?fbclid=IwAR2zWs5nIFcDLkR5jrwpL2ZSPdd7X6ILG8BxBKqSx5RxYCWIjPxR463VJc

Businesses are encouraged to learn about changes to government programs and available supports from COVID-19. More information is available online: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-help-businesses-ontario

Sarnia Transit wishes to thank all Sarnia residents for their continued kindness and support throughout the pandemic.

The traditional Sarnia Transit Celebration of Lights Bus Tours are not taking place this year for 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. A public Facebook page titled Sarnia Lambton 2020 Holiday Lights Tour, featuring citizens input towards creating a map of decorated homes is available. The details can be found online: https://shopgarageworks.com/2020/11/26/4056/

The New Year's Eve Special service annually scheduled on December 31 - January 1, will not be scheduled this December. Regular service will run on Thursday, December 31, 2020, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The St. Clair Catholic District School board is reporting a new COVID-19 Case at St. Patrick's High School, the school remains open.

COVID-19 is affecting the mental health of many people. It is common to feel anxious and isolated. The Federal Government's Wellness Together Canada portal has online mental health and substance use support and counselling.

For resources about taking care of yourself: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/mental-health.html

For local programs, services and resources call 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, or visit Bluewater Health's website: https://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/programs-services/mental-health-addiction-services

Lambton Public Health is in the Yellow Public Health Measures Level – Protect category of the <u>Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework</u>. 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
- 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: www.ontario.ca/coronavirus
- Government of Canada website: https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html

As of 11:30 a.m. on December 9 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	434
Recovered Cases	384

Number of Related Deaths	25
Active Cases	25
Current Active Outbreaks	1
Resolved Outbreaks	13
Incidence Rate per 100,000 - Week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2020	15

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,405
Total number of emails received	1,164
Total number of phone calls received	241
Total number of fines issued	5

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For further information, please contact:

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