



*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 with M.P.P. Bob Bailey, Lambton Public Health, Lambton County, Bluewater Health, Point Edward and Aamjiwnaang regarding developments related to COVID-19.

City Hall and other facilities remain closed to the public; however, services are available online, over the phone and by email during business hours: <https://www.sarnia.ca/comment/>.

[Bluewater Health has reinstated visitor restrictions as COVID-19 cases rise in community.](#)

Learn more about [COVID-19 symptoms](#), options to [get tested](#), and details about current case counts, outbreaks and trends from the COVID-19 status dashboard and surveillance reports at [LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca). For more information visit: <https://www.lambtononline.ca>.

The province of [Ontario has released an ethical framework for COVID-19 vaccine distribution](#), [expanded COVID-19 vaccine locations](#), [began rollout of COVID-19 vaccine](#), [identified key groups for distribution of initial COVID-19 vaccines](#), [appointed members of the Ministers' COVID-19 vaccine distribution task force](#) and has [collaborated with industry experts to plan the COVID-19 vaccine rollout](#). Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

The Provincewide Shutdown to stop spread of COVID-19 remains in effect to Saturday, January 23, 2021 for all 27 public health unit regions in Southern Ontario, including Sarnia-Lambton (refer to [Appendix A](#)).

- [Shutdown – Ontario Announcement](#)
- Shutdown context and details – [provincial website](#), or [slide deck](#) (PDF)
- Current [COVID-19 Response Framework](#) has been paused as of Dec. 26, 2020.

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](http://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 January 5 the SPCG can report that:

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

Confirmed Cases	1076
Resolved Cases	725
Deaths	28
Active Cases	323
Current Active Outbreaks	16
Incidence Rate per 100,000 - Week of Dec 20-26, 2020	105

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

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,478
Total number of emails received	1,237
Total number of phone calls received	241
Total number of fines issued	5

**For further information, please contact:**

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