



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: February 9, 2021 RELEASE DATE: Immediate
FROM: City of Sarnia Primary Control Group
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

The Sarnia Primary Control Group (SPCG) met electronically with staff from Lambton Public Health (LPH), Lambton County, and Point Edward regarding developments related to COVID-19.

Local Update:

The group received an update from Lambton County's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ranade, regarding the COVID-19 situation in Sarnia-Lambton and discussed the immunization process for vaccines locally, as 600 doses of COVID-19 vaccine arrived on February 5, 2021, which will enable continued immunizations of the first priority groups. More local information on vaccines is available at www.getthevaccine.ca.

Students in Sarnia-Lambton returned to school for in-class learning yesterday. Lambton Public Health reminds the community that we all have role to play to make it sustainable. For additional information, please visit: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/preparation-for-a-safe-return-to-schools-in-lambton-county/>

"The City of Sarnia recently issued multiple charges under the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA); these charges are linked to individuals who attended multiple outdoor organized public events in contravention of the gathering limits," says Manager of By-Law Enforcement Services.

Charges came following several complaints of a group violating the COVID-19 gathering limit, through multiple organized outdoor events. By-Law Enforcement, together with Sarnia Police Services, following the provincial directive are taking serious any public complaints.

Since the start of the pandemic By-Law Enforcement staff have received 1676 complaints, and issued 7 charges under either the Emergency Management Civil Protection Act (EMPCA) or ROA.

The COVID-19 email reporting service is monitored daily to provide the best available response to public concerns and we continue to encourage residents to email us at covid@sarnia.ca. The phone line is available Monday to Friday, excluding holidays, from 8:30am – 4:30pm. The number is 1-877-4-SARNIA (1-877-472-7642) or 519-332-0330. After hours, calls are to be directed to the Sarnia Police Service general line.

Provincial Update:

In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario Government is moving to a regional approach and maintaining the [shutdown](#) in the Sarnia-Lambton area until February 16, 2021, including the [stay-at-home order](#) and all existing public health and workplace safety measures. The Province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the "Framework").

For additional information, please visit:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60261/ontario-extending-stay-at-home-order-across-most-of-the-province-to-save-lives>

The [provincial emergency](#) will end as of 11:59 pm, Tuesday February 9, 2021. Orders currently in force under the EMCPA have been extended to February 23, 2021 and will be extended further if necessary.

A full list of emergency orders under the EMPCA as well as orders under the ROA are on the [e-Laws website](#) and at [Ontario.ca/alert](https://ontario.ca/alert).

Ontario has implemented a [six-point plan](#) that includes mandatory on-arrival testing for international travellers to stop the spread of COVID-19 variant.

For more information on COVID-19, visit:

- City of Sarnia website: <https://www.sarnia.ca/covid-19/>
- County of Lambton County website: <https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/resident-services/covid-19.aspx>
- Lambton Public Health website, including local COVID-19 Testing Assessment Centres: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca> and [COVID-19 Case Map](#)
- Public Health Ontario website: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/>
- Province of Ontario website: www.ontario.ca/coronavirus

- Visit Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine [web page](#) to view the latest provincial data and information on COVID-19 vaccines.
- 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 February 9 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	1,878
Resolved Cases	1,791
Deaths	44
Active Cases	43
Current Active Outbreaks	8
Incidence Rate per 100,000 - Week of January 24-30, 2021	50
Percent Positive - Week of January 24-30, 2021	1.5
Total immunizations given - Week of January 24-30, 2021	499

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,676
Total number of emails received	1,417
Total number of phone calls received	259
Total number of charges issued	7

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