



City of Sarnia

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: April 20, 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), Bluewater Health, and Point Edward regarding developments related to COVID-19.

Local Update

The Province announced further restrictions to help control the spread of COVID-19. These stringent Provincial restrictions will be in place for all of Ontario, as part of the Stay-at-Home Order.

Both the provincial declaration of emergency and the Stay-at-Home order have been extended for an additional two weeks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The Stay-at-Home order currently in effect requires everyone to remain at home except for specified purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.

In compliance with [O. Reg. 82/20](#), each person responsible for a business or organization that is open shall ensure that any person who performs work for the business or organization conducts their work remotely, unless the nature of their work requires them to be on-site at the workplace.

Let's continue to work together to keep each other safe. More than ever, we need to support our local healthcare workers who continue to care for those who need it and preserve hospital capacity. Please continue to follow all health measures for our whole community.

Lambton Public Health

Due to [limited vaccine supply](#), LPH is now fully booked for clinics in April.

- If you have pre-registered and are awaiting an invitation to book, you may experience a delay in receiving your follow up.
- More clinics will be made available soon for booking appointments.

COVID-19 vaccination is open to all [Phase 1 priority groups](#) and some [Phase 2 priority groups](#), as identified by the provincial government. For a current list of phase 2 eligible individuals please visit the [vaccine registration](#) page.

City Hall

City Hall, will remain closed, with limited exceptions for licenses and permits.

Please visit <https://www.sarnia.ca/online-services/> to access a variety of City services online.

For more information, contact Customer Service during regular business hours at 519-332-0330 or city@sarnia.ca.

Sarnia Transit

Sarnia Transit will continue to run as scheduled. Transit schedules are available online at <https://www.sarnia.ca/living-here/getting-around/sarnia-transit/>.

Recreation, Parks, Amenities and Facilities

City of Sarnia facilities remain closed.

Outdoor gatherings in all City parks, are limited to members of the same household. Those living alone may join one exclusive household.

Outdoor recreation amenities that are closed, include: sports fields, outdoor courts, skate parks. Boat and Kayak Launches are prohibited for recreational purposes.

All parks, trails and recreational areas, including benches, playgrounds, play structures, and play equipment and off-leash dog parks remain open. Please stay 6 feet away from everyone else in the park or on a trail.

Facts and Chat, a series of FREE online seminars are being offered. These seminars, scheduled on Monday's and Thursday's at 1:00pm until the end of May, feature a variety of topics presented by local speakers. Registration is mandatory in order to receive the link to attend and can be completed online: <https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/sarnia/Home>

Compost Site

The [Compost Site](#), located at 379 St. Andrew Street will remain open.

Provincial Update

Starting April 20, 2021, select pharmacies across the province are booking appointments for [AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines for eligible people ages 40 or older in 2021](#). Pharmacy vaccination clinics are not affiliated to Lambton Public Health. You must have an appointment to get vaccinated at a participating pharmacy. Contact a participating pharmacy near you to book an appointment. Find the [list of pharmacies](#) offering the AstraZeneca vaccine to register for an appointment.

COVID-19 Resources

- City of Sarnia: <https://www.sarnia.ca/covid-19/>
- Lambton Public Health: <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/>
- County of Lambton: <https://www.lambtononline.ca/en/resident-services/covid-19.aspx>
- Government of Ontario: www.ontario.ca/coronavirus
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)
- Government of Canada: www.canada.ca/coronavirus
- World Health Organization: www.who.int
- Bluewater Health Hospital: <https://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-frequently-asked-questions>
- Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce: <https://slchamber.ca/covid-19/>
- Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP): <https://www.sarnialambton.on.ca/home/covid-19-resources-for-business>
- Province Business Support Line: Toll-free line 1-888-444-3659 to provide support to Ontario businesses who have questions about the province's recent emergency order to close at-risk workplaces following recommendations by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- The Government of Canada's Coronavirus Hotline: 1-833-784-4397
- The Emergency Watch and Response Centre (EWRC) can be called 24/7 by Canadian citizens abroad in need of emergency assistance: 1-613-996-8885
- The Business Development Bank of Canada can answer questions for business owners: 1-877-232-2269

- Hotline to provide small businesses in need with financial planning advice amid COVID-19: 1-866-989-1080 (toll-free) seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET)
- Government of Canada, Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety: Pandemic (COVID-19) Health and Safety Resources <https://www.ccohs.ca/products/publications/covid19-tool-kit/?&orig=/products/publications/covid19/>
- Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA), <https://ceba-cuec.ca/>.
- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

As of 11:30 a.m. on April 20 the SPCG can report that:

Summary of COVID-19 cases in Lambton County

Confirmed Cases	3,125
Resolved Cases	2,986
Deaths	55
Active Cases	84
Current Active Outbreaks	2
Incidence Rate per 100,000 - Week of April 4-April 10, 2021	89
Percent Positive - Week of April 4-April 10, 2021	2.8
Total immunizations given – As of April 14, 2021	35,443
First Dose	33,868
Second Dose	1,575
% Eligible with \geq 1 Dose	31

By-Law Enforcement COVID-19 Reporting System

Total number of complaints and inquiries received	1,959
Total number of emails received	1,644
Total number of phone calls received	315
Total number of charges issued	11

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For further information, please contact:

City of Sarnia, Customer Service

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