

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor's Message, August 7, 2020



The Village of Point Edward's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve based on orders issued by the provincial and federal government and the latest information from Lambton Public Health. Please monitor the [Village's website](#) and Facebook Page for updated information as things are changing quickly. Your safety and security remains our top priority.

COVID Alert Available for Download from Apple and Google Play App Stores



The federal government has launched COVID Alert, a free app that can notify users of possible exposures to the virus. The app was developed in consultation with the Privacy Commissioners of Canada and Ontario to ensure the highest level of privacy. It uses Bluetooth technology to detect when users are near each other. If a user tests positive for COVID-19, they can choose to let other users know without sharing any personal information. The more people who download the app, the more effective it will be in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Ontarians who receive an exposure alert can then get tested and take action to prevent spreading COVID-19 throughout the community. The app does not collect personal information or health data, and does not know or track the location, name, address, or contacts of any user. For more information and access to download links, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covidalert>.

Bluewater Health Warns Community of COVID-19 Phone Scam

Bluewater Health is reminding the community that COVID tests are always free; you will never be required to give your credit card number to book a COVID test. Should you get a call from someone asking for money for a COVID-19 test, please hang up. All testing is done through the assessment centres in Petrolia and Sarnia. Contact information for both centres is available on [Lambton Public Health's website](#).

Ontario Movie Theatres Permitted to Reopen with Expanded Capacity

After receiving approval from the Ontario government to allow up to 50 people to attend each movie screening, with multiple screenings permitted in the same building at one time, select movie theatres across the province have reopened. Galaxy Cinemas Sarnia is one of the locations that Cineplex has reopened. Visit cineplex.com to find out about the new health and safety procedures in place.



Summary of COVID-19 Cases in Lambton County

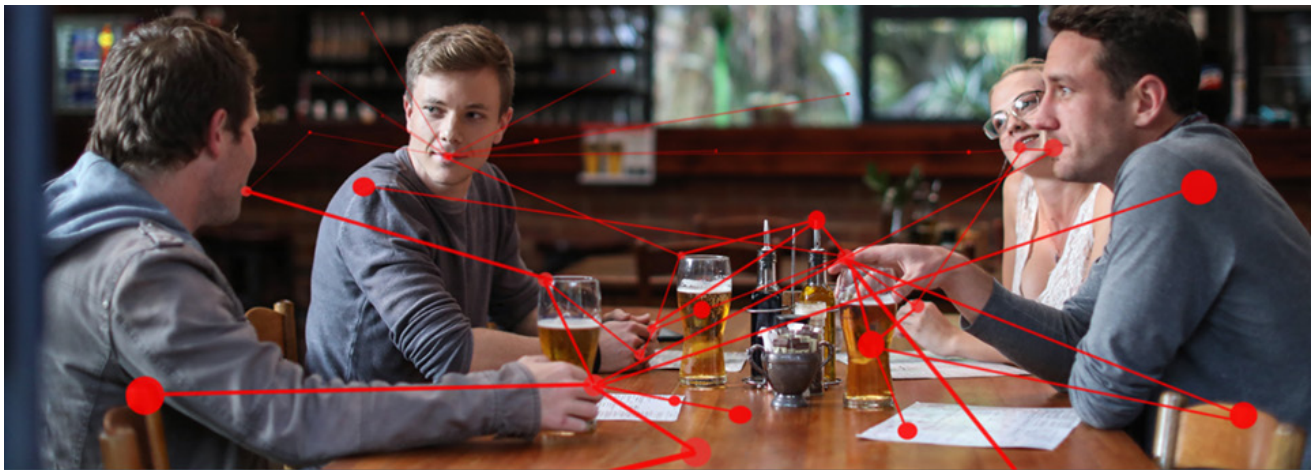
A report about [COVID-19 cases in Lambton County](#), including details on the age, sex, and geography (urban or rural) of individuals confirmed to have the virus, is available on Lambton Public Health's website and is updated daily.

Point Edward to Receive Funding for Path Expansion and Repair

Joint federal, provincial and municipal funding through the Investing in Canada infrastructure plan will support 11 public transit and active transportation projects across Southwestern Ontario, including the expansion and repair of Point Edward's multipurpose path. The project in Point Edward will entail resurfacing and installing bike and pedestrian paths along public transit routes to provide residents with more active transportation opportunities, improving the capacity, quality, and safety of the transit system for its users.

Reducing Your Risk of Exposure to COVID-19

Lambton Public Health is reminding the community that identifying risks is an important step to consider in reducing your exposure to COVID-19. They recommend avoiding closed spaces, crowded places, and close contact. The risk increases where these settings overlap. Visit their website to view the [COVID-19: Going Out Safely Infographic](#), which identifies a variety of low, medium, and high risk activities/settings and reviews public health measures that should be practiced. Remember that [social circles](#) are limited to 10 people, and you should maintain physical distancing with anyone outside of your circle.



- Limit close contact to only the 10 people in your social circle.
- Physical distance with others outside your group of 10.
- Wear a mask if required or if physical distancing is not possible.
- Please be kind - not everyone can wear a mask.

The Ontario government's response to COVID-19 has aimed to manage through this emergency effectively and to rebuild prosperity through a period of recovery. Point Edward will continue to support the province, our community, and enterprises large and small, every step of the way.

In Stage 3, with additional restrictions loosened and more amenities open to the public, it is crucial that we continue physical distancing and healthy practices. Please be vigilant and remind your family and friends of the importance of adhering to preventive practices. How well we follow public health advice will determine whether our community experiences a safe and successful reopening or a surge in cases and a second wave of the virus.

– Mayor Bev Hand