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Emergency Control Group Update - March 22 March 22, 2020

Wyoming, ON - The County of Lambton Emergency Control Group met this morning to discuss updates in the current COVID-19 situation.

The group received an update from Lambton County's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ranade. There are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lambton County, however Public Health officials continue to approach the situation as though the virus is here and circulating throughout the community.

By taking this approach, we are working to prevent the spread of the virus. Dr. Ranade continues to strongly encourage the community to practice enhanced social distancing and good hygiene. Regular handwashing, not touching your face and keeping at least 2 metres distance from others will help protect both yourself and the community.

One of the main topics discussed in today's meeting was the COVID-19 testing taking place in the community and questions arising from residents surrounding testing. Testing capabilities are limited in Lambton County, as there is a limited supply of COVID-19 testing kits world-wide. Local testing is focusing on the critically ill and on business continuity needs for essential service providers like healthcare workers and others on the front lines. Testing is being conducted on cases that fit these scenarios.

Whether a test is conducted or not, the suggested treatment does not change - if you are experiencing mild respiratory symptoms, you need to self-isolate. If your symptoms become more severe and you need to seek medical attention call your health care provider for assessment, or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

In Lambton County, we have had almost 40 tests returned whose results have all been negative.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available. For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19, please visit the [Lambton Public Health website](#) and the [Province of Ontario website](#). Facility closures will be listed on the [Lambton County website](#).

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