



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Alexander Summers, Acting Medical Officer of Health

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ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 04-22 re: “Acting Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for December” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Acting Medical Officer of Health (A-MOH) for the period of November 26, 2021 to January 7, 2022.

The A-MOH participates in external and internal pandemic-related meetings with municipal and provincial stakeholders, along with liaising with community partners during the pandemic. The A-MOH and Mayor Ed Holder hold bi-weekly COVID-19 virtual media briefings (Monday and Thursday), with the Warden of Middlesex County and a representative from London Health Sciences Centre attending once each week.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health along with other team members, continue to host a weekly Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) Staff Town Hall (Friday) and present on many topics, including COVID-19. The A-MOH also hosts weekly (Tuesday) healthcare provider outreach and community stakeholder webinars with information regarding COVID-19.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health also attended the following meetings:

Client and Community Impact – *These meeting(s) reflect the A-MOH’s representation of the Health Unit in the community and media:*

- November 26** Interviews with Andrew Graham (980 CFPL), Marek Sutherland (CTV London), Jane Sims (London Free Press) and Allison Devereaux (CBC London) on pediatric vaccination
Attended West Region Schools call with the Ministry of Health
- November 27** Attended Middlesex County Warden’s Banquet to celebrate outgoing Warden, Ms. Cathy Burghardt-Jesson
- November 29** Meeting with Ministry of Health, primary care and hospital leaders regarding vaccination in Ontario
Meeting with Ministry of Health and MLHU Leadership regarding bringing GoVaxx Bus to the Middlesex-London region
- November 30** Participated in London-Middlesex Primary Care Association (LMPCA)’s Town Hall
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call
- December 1** Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on vaccination mandates

- December 2** Interview with Randy Richmond (London Free Press) on servicing the underhoused and collection of data to support
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
- December 3** Hosted in partnership with Dr. Rod Lim London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) and MLHU Communications an Instagram Live session on pediatric vaccination
- December 6** Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
Participated in Middlesex County Incident Management System (IMS) meeting
- December 7** Biweekly meeting with Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Long Term Care and hospice leadership
- December 8** Attended weekly LMPCA meeting
Met with Western University leadership on public health measures for exams
- December 9** Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
- December 10** Attended West Region Schools call with the Ministry of Health
Interviews with Serena Marotta (London Free Press) and Brad Kraemer (XFM Fanshawe) on the Omicron variant of concern
- December 13** Chaired the monthly Southwest Medical Officer of Health (SWMOH) meeting
Meeting with Ministry of Health, primary care and hospital leaders regarding vaccination in Ontario
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
Meeting with Thames Valley District School Board leadership
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic
- December 14** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Biweekly meeting with Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Long Term Care and hospice leadership
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call
- December 15** Interviews with Jen Bieman (London Free Press), Jane Sims (London Free Press), Darryl Newcombe (CTV London) and Mike Stubbs (980 CFPL) on booster vaccinations and outbreaks
Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Weekly Forum
- December 16** Interview with Rebecca Zandbergen (CBC London) on COVID-19 matters locally
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
- December 17** Hosted meeting with local hockey leaders on COVID-19 restrictions and suggested guidance
- December 20** Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call
Participated in Middlesex County IMS meeting
- December 21** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Biweekly meeting with Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Long Term Care and hospice leadership
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call
Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on boosters

- December 22** Interview with Mike Stubbs (980 CFPL) to discuss 2021
Attended COMOH Weekly Forum
Interviews with Jen Bieman (London Free Press), Reta Ismail (CTV London) and Andrew Graham (980 CFPL) on a record number of reported cases
Meeting with members of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association
- December 23** Interview with Gary Ennett (CBC London) in regard to the record number of reported cases as well as what the community can do to lower transmission
Meeting with Ministry of Health, primary care and hospital leaders regarding vaccination in Ontario
Call with representative of the Ontario Hotel and Motel Association
Call with Dr. Kieran Moore and other MOHs in regard to upcoming changes to the CCM testing and guidance
- December 27** Interview with Brent Lale (CTV London) on how quickly the Omicron variant is spreading, as well as the challenges with 10-day isolation periods for close contacts.
- December 28** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Attended the West Region COVID Response / IMS meeting
- December 29** Interview with Loreena Dickson on the NewsTalk1290 CJBK – *Ask Me Anything* Program
Attended a meeting hosted by the Ministry of health in regard to verifying vaccine receipts and fraud investigations
- December 30** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Attended the West Region COVID Response / IMS meeting
Meeting with Ministry of Health, primary care and hospital leaders regarding vaccination in Ontario
Attend a working group meeting with Ministry of Health representatives – Health Human Resources (HHR) for Vaccination Efforts
Attended a call with the Ministry of Health and Public Health Units regarding COVID Vaccine Operational & Planning
Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press)
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call
- December 31** Attended a touch base meeting with the Southwest Triad Lead group
Attended a meeting of the West Region COVID Response IMS
Interview with Bryan Bicknell (CTV London) to discuss media release and how the Province’s updated guidance affects how the Health Unit’s work and the impact of these changes on testing and who is eligible to be tested, as well as how MLHU case management process is changing
- 2022**
- January 4** Interview with AM980 (LIVE) on the following topics: What do Londoners need to know as they head into the New Year; state of COVID-19 - where we’re at in the pandemic, where do we go from here.
Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Attended a call with the Ministry of Health and Public Health Units regarding COVID Vaccine Operational & Planning
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call

- January 5 Attended an orientation meeting for Coordinating Council Members of the Western OHT who have joined the Resources and Planning sub committee
 Weekly LMPCA & MLHU - COVID-19 Vaccination Discussions
 Participated on the COMOH COVID weekly forum call
 Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) to discuss concerns regarding the unvaccinated
 Attended a meeting of the West Region COVID Response IMS
 Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
- January 6 Meeting with Western Fair representatives regarding the Agriplex Mass Vaccination Site
 Meeting with the Ministry of Health and Public Health Units regarding COVID Vaccine Operational & Planning

Employee Engagement and Learning – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the A-MOH influences the Health Unit's organizational capacity, climate and culture and the contributions made to enable engaged and empowered staff; thoughtful and responsive leadership and organizational structures that support decision-making, innovation and learning:*

**November 26
to December 17**

Supervised four (4) Schulich School of Medicine (Western University) medical residents completing their 2-week public health rotation

December 1

Led biweekly Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) management meeting
 Engaged in conversation with representatives of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) in partnership with the Interim CEO and Human Resources Manager

December 3

Participated in Schulich School of Medicine's "Pandemic Leadership" panel

December 9

Engaged in conversation with representatives of the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) in partnership with the Interim CEO and Human Resources Manager

December 14

Led biweekly Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) management meeting
 Attended MLHU Management Leadership Team (MLT) meeting

December 22

Attended Caradoc Vaccination Clinic to support staff working

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January 7

Led biweekly Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) management meeting

Governance – *This meeting(s) reflect on how the A-MOH influences the alignment of management methods and systems to ensure appropriate structures and resources are in place to achieve the HU's mission and vision. This also reflects on the A-MOH's responsibility for actions, decision and policies that impact the HUs ability to achieve the requirements as set out under the strategic plan, the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards (OPHOS), other funder requirements and direction provided by the Board of Health:*

- December 2** Participated in the City of London's Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee in partnership with the Interim CEO

December 7 Attended the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting

December 9 Attended the Board of Health meeting

This report was prepared by the Acting Medical Officer of Health.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander T. Summers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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