



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health  
FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health  
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**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JANUARY**

***Recommendation***

***It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 07-21 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for January” for information.***

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The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period November 27, 2020 to January 10, 2021.

To respond to the COVID pandemic, increased meetings and webinars were necessary to keep up with the ever-changing landscape. The MOH continued to participate in external and internal pandemic related meetings. These included calls daily, every other day, or weekly with Middlesex County, the City of London, local health partners, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health West, the Southwest LHIN, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Public Health Ontario. The MOH and London Mayor Ed Holder continue to provide regular COVID-19 virtual media briefings.

With the arrival of vaccine for COVID-19 immunization, the Medical Officer of Health was involved in many daily planning meetings for receiving, distributing and administering of the vaccine with internal and external stakeholders.

The MOH and the Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) continued to host a weekly MLHU Staff Town Hall present on many topics, including COVID-19.

The following events were also attended by the MOH.

- December 1 Interview with CTV London, Nick Paparella, in regard to the increased cases of COVID-19 over the last several days
- December 2 Interview with AM900 CHML, Bell Kelly, in regard to the outbreak at University Hospital and whether London could be moving to the orange level of the province’s COVID Framework  
Call with the Board Chair to review the December 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting agenda  
Two calls with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Ministry staff to discuss emerging COVID-19 issues  
Interview with The London Free Press, Jane Sims, in regard to the outbreak at University Hospital  
Interview with CTV London, Daryl Newcombe, in regard to the record number of new COVID cases and the University Hospital outbreak  
Interview with 980 CFPL, Jess Brady, in regard to the increased cases of COVID and the hospital outbreak
- December 3 Attended the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting

- Interview with CBC London New, Kate Dubinski, in regard to travel advice during the pandemic
- December 4 Call with City Councillor Lehman in regard to presenting at an upcoming constituent townhall meeting  
Live telephone interview on Let's Talk London with Jess Brady, Global News Radio AM980 CFPL in regard to Middlesex-London moving to the orange level  
Interview with CTV London News, Bryan Bicknell in regard to Middlesex-London moving to the orange level
- December 8 Call with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to discuss pandemic policy changes
- December 9 Meeting with local hospitality sector representatives to discuss strategies to prevent London moving to red level and what restaurants can do to assist  
Introductory meeting with medical student Lisa Richardson  
Interview with Marek Sutherland, CTV London in regard to potential school closures and the new quarantine guidance  
Interview with Heather Rivers at the London Free press in regard to school cases
- December 10 Call with the Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding pandemic work  
Attended the Board of Health meeting
- December 11 Interview with Liny Lamberink, CBC London in regard to potentially moving to the lockdown level
- December 14 Interview with Rebecca Zandbergen, CBC London in regard to moving into the red level of Ontario's COVID-19 response framework  
Regular touchdown meeting with Board Chair  
Interviewed for a Rogers TV documentary "Everyday Heroes", looking back on 2020
- December 16 Interview with Jennifer Bieman, London Free Press, in regard to COVID-19 issues
- December 17 Interview with Devon Peacock, AM980 – a year in review
- December 18 Meeting with local Medical Officers of Health and the Public Health Agency of Canada in regard to the public health response to COVID-19  
Interview with Jane Sims, London Free Press in regard to a potential lockdown  
Interview with Jennifer Bieman, London Free Press in regard to vaccination sites in London and the potential lockdown  
Interview with Jess Brady, 980 CFPL in regard to COVID-19 issues  
Interview with Andrew Lupton, CBC Radio in regard to vaccine delivery and the potential for a lockdown
- December 21 Interview with Jess Brady, Global News Radio in regard to moving into red level  
Attended a special meeting of the Board of Health Governance Committee  
Meeting with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Medical Officers of Health
- December 22 Interview with Dave Rektor, Faith Radio in regard to several COVID-19 related items
- December 24 Interview with CBC London Morning Show, Allison Devereaux in regard to COVID-19 issues and updates regarding the vaccine

- January 4 Meeting with General Rick Hillier, Associate Deputy Minister Alison Blair, and all Ontario Medical Officers of Health regarding vaccine campaign planning
- January 5 Interview with Jennifer Bieman, London Free Press in regard to Long-Term Care outbreaks and vaccine delivery  
Interview with Jordyn Read, CTV London in regard to the increasing number of cases and the stress on all health resources in the region
- January 6 Interview with Ashley Okwuosa, TVO.Org in regard to London's Supervised Consumption Site  
Call with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Ontario Medical Officers of Health
- January 7 Meeting with new Board of Health Provincial representatives, Aaron O'Donnell and Michael Steele
- January 9 Urgent meeting of Public Health Measures Table with Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario
- January 10 Urgent meeting with Premier, Deputy Premier/Minister of Health, Solicitor General, General Rick Hillier, Deputy Minister of Health, Chief Medical Officers of Health, all Ontario Medical Officers of Health, all CEO's of Ontario hospitals hosting COVID-19 vaccine, and several staff from Ministries of Health and Solicitor General to provide support and direction for COVID-19 vaccine campaign

This report was submitted by the Office of the Medical Officer of Health.



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