



MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

REPORT NO. 07-22

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health  
FROM: Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health  
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**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

**Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 07-23, re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for November and December” for information.*

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The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of October 28, 2022 – January 5, 2023.

The Medical Officer of Health provides oversight of all public health programs at the Middlesex-London Health Unit, and co-chairs the Senior Leadership Team. The Medical Officer of Health participates in a wide range of external and internal meetings, along with liaising with community partners, and municipal and provincial stakeholders.

The Medical Officer of Health, along with other team members, continues to host a weekly Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) Staff Town Hall.

The Medical Officer of Health also participated in the following:

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

- October 31** Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Working Group meeting.
- November 1** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.  
Interview with Bryan Bicknell (CTV London) on influenza vaccine campaign.
- November 2** Attended Community Health Summit planning meeting with City of London partners.  
Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) meeting.  
Interview with Alessio Donnini (CBC London) on the influenza season.
- November 3** Participated in United Way Stair Climb fundraiser.  
Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Vaccine operational call.  
Interview with Megan Stacey (London Free Press) on homelessness summit.
- November 4** Interview with Chris Gareau (Middlesex Banner) on COVID and influenza vaccines.
- November 5** Attended the Middlesex County Warden’s Banquet with the Chief Executive Officer.

- November 7** Attended Community Health Summit planning meeting with City of London partners.
- November 9** Participated in Community Health Forum at Hellenic Community Centre.  
Interview with Jennifer Basa (CTV London) on mask mandates and influenza season.  
Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Executive meeting.
- November 10** Interview with Michelle Both (CBC London) on seasonal influenza vaccine.
- November 14** Interview with Carlyle Fiset (CTV London) on indoor masking.
- November 15** Interview with Robert Van Ryswyck (X FM Fanshawe) on indoor masking.  
Attended City of London Policy Group meeting.  
Meeting with Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry's Epidemiology and Biostatistics on partnership opportunities.  
Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.  
Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Executive meeting.  
Attended Inaugural City of London Council meeting.
- November 16** Attended London Middlesex Primary Care Association meeting.  
Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on influenza related deaths in the community.
- November 17** Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Executive meeting.
- November 18** Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) workshop and meeting.
- November 21** Meeting with City of London partners on their strategic plan.  
Meeting with partners from Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding avian flu.  
Hosted Southwest Medical Officers of Health monthly meeting.
- November 22** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Vaccine operational call.  
Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.
- November 23** Attended MLHU Vaccine Operations Committee meeting.
- November 24** Testified at a coroner's inquest regarding an opioid related death.  
Participated in City of London Emergency Training exercise.  
Filmed a video with Thames Valley District School Board on masking.
- November 28** Participated in County of Middlesex Emergency Training exercise.
- November 29** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.
- December 2** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on respiratory season.
- December 6** Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) forum.

**Employee Engagement and Learning** – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the 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:*

- October 31** Meeting with partners from the Canadian Union of Public Employees
- November 8** Attended MLHU Leadership Team meeting.
- November 10** Attended Healthy Living Leadership meeting.
- November 17** Attended MLHU's Staff Day Social.
- December 5** Attended Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) Management meeting.

**Governance** – *This meeting(s) reflect on how the 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 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:*

- November 3** Attended Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.  
Attended Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting with the Chief Executive Officer, Board Chair and Executive Assistant to the Board of Health.
- November 10** Attended Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Board meeting.  
Attended Governance Committee and Board of Health meetings.
- December 6** Attended Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting with the Chief Executive Officer, Board Chair and Executive Assistant to the Board of Health.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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