



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 JANUARY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 09-22 re: “Acting Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for January” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Acting Medical Officer of Health (A-MOH) for the period of January 8, 2022 to February 3, 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, continues to host a weekly Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) Staff Town Hall (Friday) and presents 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:*

- January 10** Worked at evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic
- January 12** Interview with Loreena Dickson on the NewsTalk1290 CJBK – *Ask Me Anything* Program
Interview with Chris Soares (MyFM Strathroy) on local COVID-19 situation
Meeting with stakeholders from the Ontario Restaurant, Hotel and Motel Association
Interview with Estella Ren (Western Gazette) on the reliability of rapid tests
- January 13** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Meeting with leadership at Western University
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
- January 18** 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
- January 19** Attended HIV Leadership Committee meeting with community partners
Attended weekly London Middlesex Primary Care Association (LMPCA) meeting
Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Weekly Forum

- January 20** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Interview with Kate Dubinski (London Free Press) on the outbreak status at Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
- January 21** Filmed a COVID-19 information video for the London Muslim Mosque
Attended Ministry of Education West Region School Touchbase meeting
- January 24** Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call
Worked at evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic
- January 25** Attended 2022 State of the City Address
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call
Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on pediatric vaccination
- January 26** Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Weekly Forum
Interview with Jen Bieman (London Free Press) and Isha Bhargava (CBC) on COVID-19 matters
Attended inaugural MLHU Anti-Black Racism Committee Plan meeting
- January 27** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Presented at local licensed childcare (hosted by MLHU Early Years team) webinar
- January 28** Interview with Mike Stubbs (Global News Radio) on COVID-19 being endemic
- January 31** Participated in Middlesex County IMS meeting
Worked at evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic
- February 1** 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
- February 2** Discussion with Ministry of Health on pediatric vaccination
- February 3** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call

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:*

- January 10-23** Supervised three (3) Schulich School of Medicine (Western University) medical students completing their 2-week public health rotation
- January 11** Attended the Sexual Health Program’s team meeting to discuss personal protective equipment
- January 12** Attended the Environmental Health Program’s team meeting to discuss personal protective equipment

- January 21** Led biweekly Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) management meeting
- January 25** Attended Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Program's team 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:*

- January 20** Attended the Board of Health meeting
- January 27** Participated in Western Ontario Health's Coordinating Council
- February 3** Attended the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting

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



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