



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 FEBRUARY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 10-21 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for February” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period January 9, 2020 to February 5, 2021.

Weekly calls with General Hillier have been added to the MOH calendar in regard to COVID-19 vaccine.

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 weekly COVID-19 virtual media briefings.

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

The following events were also attended by the MOH:

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| January 9 | Urgent meeting of the Public Health Measures Table |
| January 10 | Joint hospital and public health information session with General Hillier and Ministry staff |
| January 11 | The MOH provided COVID-19 immunization shots at Oneida on the Thames Long-Term Care
Interview with My-FM Strathroy, Chris Soares in regard to mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations
Interview with The Globe and Mail, Kelly Grant in regard to the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine in London and Middlesex County |
| January 12 | There were three media interviews today with: The London Free Press, Jennifer Bieman, CBC London, Liny Lambrink and The London Free Press, Jane Sims |
| January 13 | Interviews today included: The Globe and Mail, Caroline Alphonso and with CBC Radio (Ontario Today), Rita Celli
Meeting with the Board Chair to review the agenda for the upcoming Board meeting |
| January 15 | Council of Medical Officers of Health Executive Committee meeting |

- January 16 Interview with Jordyn Read, CTV London in regard to the UK variant of the Coronavirus
- January 17 Interview with Jordyn Read, CTV London in regard to recently reported deaths due to COVID-19
Meeting with General Hillier in regard to Vaccine Distribution
- January 18 Meeting with Mike McMahon, Executive Director with the Thames Valley Family Health Team
- January 20 Call with Andrew Lockie, CEO at the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario
- January 21 Call with Aaron Johnson, 4th year medical student to discuss the role of the MOH
Attended the January 21st Board of Health meeting
- January 25 Met with Aaron Johnson, 4th Year Medical Student
- January 27 Attended a half day Strategic Planning Session with Senior Leaders and the Board of Health
Call with Minister of Education Stephen Lecce in regard to potential re-opening of schools
- January 28 Attended a half day Strategic Planning Session with Senior Leaders and the Board of Health
Media interviews regarding the Province's announcement to re-open schools in Middlesex and London included: Global News Radio AM980 CFPL, Andrew Graham; The London Free Press, Jane Sims;
- January 29 Live TV interview with Bloomberg News about vaccines and schools
Media interviews regarding school openings on February 1
- February 3 Interview with CTV London regarding the potential for nasal pharyngeal swabs not being as effective
- February 4 Attended February 4 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting

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



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