



TO: Chair and Members of the Board 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. 13-23, re: Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for January for information.*

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The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of January 5, 2022 – February 1, 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 meetings:

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

**January 6** Met to discuss providing a presentation at the alpha Executive Assistant/Administrative Assistant Conference.

**January 9** Attended a meeting regarding the City of London Strategic Plan.

Interview with Rebecca Zandbergen (CBC London) regarding current respiratory diseases in the community.

Interview with Bryan Bicknell (CTV London) regarding the XBB1.5 Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Attended monthly Ontario Population Health Index of Databases (OPHID) Advisory Council meeting.

**January 10** Presented the Healthcare Provider Outreach webinar.

Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.

**January 11** Interview with Miranda Chant (Blackburn News) regarding the XBB1.5 Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Attended a meeting with the London Middlesex Primary Care Alliance and Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team regarding vaccinations.

**January 12** Met with members of the Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team.

Met with the Deputy City Manager, City of London.

**January 13** Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Executive meeting.

**January 16** Attended the Southwest Ontario Medical Officers of Health monthly meeting.

Attended the planning meeting for the January 25<sup>th</sup> Health and Homelessness Summit.

**January 17** Attended the City of London State of the City Address.

Interview with Alessio Donnini (CBC London) regarding the 500<sup>th</sup> COVID-19-related death in London-Middlesex.

**January 18** Attended a meeting organized by the City of London, regarding its strategic plan, focused on reconciliation, equity, and inclusion.

Interview with Felipe Brenner (X-FM Fanshawe College) regarding the XBB1.5 Omicron COVID-19 variant.

Met with the City Manager, City of London.

**January 19** Interview with Allison Devereaux (CBC London) regarding immunization rates among school-aged children and compliance with the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

Interview with Gerry Dewan (CTV News) regarding immunization rates among school-aged children.

**January 20** Interview with Marshall Healey (AM 980) regarding compliance with and enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

**January 23** Attended the Nurse-Family Partnership Collaborative in Canada meeting with other organizations participating in the Nurse-Family Partnership.

**January 24** Presented the Healthcare Provider Outreach webinar.

Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.

**January 25** Attended the third Health & Homelessness Summit with City of London partners.

**January 26** Attended the Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council meeting.

**January 27** Attended a follow up meeting to discuss correspondence with First Nation communities.

Met with the City Manager, City of London.

Met with Dr. James Brooks, Indigenous Services Canada.

- January 30** Attended a meeting to discuss the London Health Sciences Centre Master Plan.
- Interview with Jennifer Basa (CTV London) regarding the World Health Organization announcement on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- January 31** Interview with Devon Peacock (AM 980) regarding the World Health Organization announcement on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Employee Engagement and Learning** – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the CEO 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 11** Attended the Office of the Medical Officer of Health Management meeting.
- Attended a meeting regarding enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- January 13** Met with the recruiter to discuss recruiting for the Associate Medical Officer of Health position, with the CEO.
- January 17** Attended a meeting regarding enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- January 18** Attended an update meeting regarding the enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- January 19** Attended the monthly surveillance meeting regarding communicable diseases.
- Attended an update meeting regarding the enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- January 24** Attended the regular check-in meeting regarding the work on the Provisional Plan.
- Met with the recruiter to discuss recruiting for the Associate Medical Officer of Health position, with the CEO.
- January 27** Attended an update meeting regarding the enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- January 30** Participated in the quarterly touch-base meeting with Ontario Nursing Association.
- Attended an Office of the Medical Officer of Health division social.

**Personal Development** – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the CEO develops their leadership, skills and growth to define their vision and goals for the Health Unit.*

- January 19** Attended the PHO Rounds: A Comprehensive Look at Youth Vaping in Ontario/Canada.

**Governance** – *This meeting(s) reflect on how the CEO 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 CEO’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 6**      Provided an orientation to incoming Middlesex County Board members with the CEO.
- January 9**      Met with Board of Health Chair Matt Reid for monthly touch-base.
- January 11**     Attended the January Board of Health meeting agenda review and executive meeting.
- January 12**     Provided an orientation to incoming City of London Board members with the CEO.
- January 19**     Attended the 2023 inaugural Board of Health meeting.
- January 24**     Attended the Special Meeting of the Board of Health.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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