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REPORT NO. 15-21

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 MARCH

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 15-21 re: "Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for March" for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period February 5, 2021 to March 4, 2021.

The MOH's time since the last report has been spent primarily on COVID-19 vaccine campaign planning and ramping up vaccinating capacity in this region.

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), along with other members of the Senior Leadership Team 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:

February 5 Participated on the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Board meeting

call

February 8 Call with Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams

Ad-Hoc meeting of the Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Section

Committee

Ad-Hoc meeting of the (COMOH) Section Executive Committee

February 10 Monthly meeting with Board Chair, Maureen Cassidy

Call with London & District Catholic School Board in regard to school safety Call with Thames Valley District School Board in regard to school safety

Call with the Chief Medical Officer of Health

February 11 Attended the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting

Attended a meeting with General Hillier in regard to COVID vaccine distribution

February 12	Participated on the COMOH Executive Committee call Meeting with Dr. Robin Williams in regard to Case and Contact Management
February 16	Attended the virtual State of the City Address Participated on a COMOH Executive Committee meeting for a COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC) update Attended an ad hoc meeting of the Public Health Measures Table (PHMT) Members and the COMOH Executive Committee in regard to VOC
February 17	Participated in the COMOH Section meeting
February 18	Call with Dr. David Williams in regard to Variants of Concern and schools Budget meeting with City of London finance staff Attended the Board of Health meeting
February 19	Regular coaching session with Janine Higgins
February 23	Interview with Jennifer Bieman, London Free Press (LFP) in regard to restriction levels Participated on the TVDSB Board meeting Q & A session
February 25	Participated in the City of London Ward 12 Community Town Hall meeting
February 26	Hosted a media briefing in regard to moving from Red to Orange COVID restriction levels
March 1	Interview with CBC London, Rebecca Zandbergen in regard to several COVID-19 issues
March 2	There were several media interviews today in regard to booking COVID-19 vaccine appointments. These included: London Free Press, Jennifer Bieman; CBC London, Chris Dela Torre; Mike Stubbs, Global News Radio AM980 CFPL; Nick Paparella, CTV London; Heather Rivers, London Free Press; Sofia Rodrigues, CBC Radio
March 4	Interview with NewsTalk 1290 CJBK's "Ask Me Anything" show regarding COVID vaccine Attended the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting

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

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