



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Dr. Alexander Summers, 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. 20-23, re: Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for February for information.*

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The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of February 2, 2023 – February 27, 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 MOH's representation of the Health Unit in the community:*

**February 2** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) regarding suspension letters as part of implementing the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

**February 3** Attended a meeting with a ministry official to discuss pharmacies providing HPV vaccinations.

**February 7** Attended a meeting with local First Nations Communities to discuss communicable disease management.

**February 8** Attended a meeting regarding the Health and Homelessness Summit, organized by the City of London.

**February 10** Attended the annual Youth Opportunities Unlimited breakfast.

Attended the COMOH Executive meeting.

**February 13** Attended a meeting with Public Health Ontario providing information regarding Legionella outbreaks and management.

Attended a meeting at London City Hall regarding the Health and Homelessness Summit.

- February 14** Attended a media event regarding the Health and Homelessness Summit.
- February 15** Met with City Councilor McAlister regarding school suspensions under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- Met with Dr. Rod Lim, Director, Paediatric Emergency Department at Children's Hospital, LHSC.
- Attended a meeting regarding draft metrics for the City of London Strategic Plan.
- Attended a meeting regarding the alPHa Winter Symposium for speaker and moderators.
- Attended a meeting reviewing the draft systems review from the Health and Homelessness Summit.
- February 16** Interview with Andrew Graham (Global News Radio 980 CFPL) regarding the opening of the permanent CarePoint Consumption and Treatment site.
- Met with Scott Courtice, Executive Director, London InterCommunity Health Centre.
- February 18** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) regarding the reported measles case.
- February 20** Interview with Kate Dubinski (CBC London) regarding the reported measles case.
- February 21** Interview with Loreena Dickson (NewsTalk 1290 CJBK) regarding the reported measles case and the CarePoint Consumption and Treatment Site.
- Presented the Healthcare Provider Outreach webinar.
- Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.
- February 22** Presented at the alPHa EA/AA Conference.
- Attended the media walk through of the permanent CarePoint Consumption and Treatment Site.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- February 23** Attended the alPHa Board Meeting.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, Hamilton Public Health Services.
- February 24** Presented at the alPHa Winter Symposium.
- Attended the COMOH section of the alPHa Winter Symposium
- February 27** Attended a COMOH Workgroup meeting on the relationship between Ontario Health Teams and local public health units.

With the CEO, met with the Cathy Burghardt-Jesson, Warden, Middlesex County and Cindy Howard, General Manager, Finance and Community Services at the County of Middlesex.

Attended the monthly Southwest Ontario Medical Officer of Health / Associate Medical Officer of Health meeting.

**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:*

**February 3** Attended a meeting to discuss cross-divisional shared programming.

**February 6** Attended the weekly Provisional Plan Sponsor update meeting.

**February 13** Attended the Vaccine Operations Committee meeting.

**February 14** Attended a confidential meeting regarding labour relations.

Attended a meeting with the Director, Healthy Living and Manager, Community Health Promotion and Injury Prevention regarding the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy.

**February 16** Attended a meeting with the recruiter regarding interviews for an Associate Medical Officer of Health.

Attended the monthly surveillance meeting regarding communicable diseases.

Attended an update meeting regarding the enforcement of the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

Participated in the quarterly touch-base meeting with CUPE.

**February 17** Attended a meeting regarding a reported case of measles.

**February 20** Attended a meeting with Public Health Ontario regarding the reported measles case.

**February 21** Participated in interviews recruiting into the Associate Medical Officer of Health position.

Met with MLHU Occupational Health and Safety to discuss internal TB Skin Testing regarding internal policies.

Met with the CEO, Finance, and HR regarding zero-based budgeting.

**February 23** Attended a meeting regarding harmonized clinics in MLHU.

Attended a meeting regarding staffing for the dental operatories opening in the Strathroy dental clinic.

**February 27** Met with the CEO and Director, Healthy Living to discuss cross-divisional processes.

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

**February 23** Attended the Public Health Ontario Rounds: Health Conditions Attributable to Smoking and Alcohol.

**February 24** Attended the alPHa Winter Symposium.

**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:*

**February 2** Attended the February, inaugural meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee.

**February 6** Attended the February Board of Health agenda review and executive meeting.

**February 8** Attended the monthly touch-base meeting with the Board chair.

**February 16** Attended the February Board of Health meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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