



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health / CEO
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH / CEO ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 066-19 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for October” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) / CEO for the period of September 6, 2019, to October 4, 2019.

- September 9 Attended the Safe Supply Clinic at London InterCommunity Health Centre (LIHC) to observe
- September 12 Update meeting with Trish Fulton, Board of Health Chair
- September 13 Participated in Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Executive Committee teleconference
- September 16 Participated in teleconference with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in regard to the Health Unit’s budget
- September 17 Interviewed by Loreena Dixon and Ken Eastwood, 1290 CJBK radio, on various public health issues, including vaping, influenza, and supervised injection sites
- September 18 Attended the United Way Harvest Lunch at Budweiser Gardens
Hosted news conference to announce that the Health Unit is investigating a pulmonary illness linked to vaping
Interviewed by media in regard to the above announcement, including Carly Weeks, *Globe and Mail*; Reshmi Nair, CBC News; Helen Branswell, StatNews.com; Gil Deacon, CBC Toronto; and Nick Paparella, CTV News London
- September 19 Interviewed by media in regard to the above announcement, including Lynn Martin, AM 800 CKLW Windsor; and a skype interview with Krystle Hewitt, CTV News Channel
Attended the Board of Health and Governance Committee meetings
- September 20 Interviewed by media in regard to the above announcement, including Arlene Bynon, Sirius XM Radio; Sacha Long, CTV London; Amina Zafar, CBC; and Aaron Rand, CJAD 800 AM Montreal
- September 23 Interviewed by Colin Butler, CBC London, in regard to vaping
- September 24 Interviewed by Craig Needles, AM 980 CFPL, in regard to the vaping industry
Met with two fourth-year medical students who are doing a two-week elective term at the Health Unit

- Gave presentation on the drug crisis to the Roman Roadhouse outreach program of St. George Catholic Church in Byron
- September 25 Participated in COMOH section meeting teleconference
- September 26 Interview with Sam Cook, 106.9 The X, in regard to vaping
- September 27 Conference call with Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) board of directors
- September 30 Attended the “Policy Conversation – Future Forward Thinking” session at Innovation Works
Met with Dr. Anna Gunz, Paediatric Critical Care, London Health Sciences Centre, to discuss advocating for child health in relation to climate change, and integrating environmental monitoring into the Children’s Hospital Ontario Health Team
- October 2 Participated in phone call with event facilitators to plan and prepare for sitting on a debate panel on poverty at Sanctuary London
Met with Trish Fulton, Board of Health Chair, and Aina DeViet, Governance Committee Chair, in regard to performance appraisal follow-up
- October 3 Introductory meeting with newly appointed City of London staff members Debbie Kramer, Manager, Coordinated Informed Response, and Craig Cooper, Manager, Homeless Prevention
- October 4 Lectured at Western University, Master of Public Health program
Attended a tour of Citi Plaza construction site

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



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