



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 OCTOBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 047-20 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for October” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period September 8, 2020 to October 2, 2020.

With the return to school and the end of summer came an increase in COVID-19 cases. This has kept the whole organization busy, including the Medical Officer of Health. Increased meetings and webinars were necessary to keep up with the ever-changing landscape. The MOH continued to participate in external pandemic related meetings, many of which have increased in frequency. These include 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 COVID-19 virtual media briefings.

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

The following events were also attended by the MOH.

- September 9 Met with Board of Health Chair, Ms. Maureen Cassidy to review the agenda for the September 17th meeting of the Board
- September 10 Attended the Special Meeting of the Board of Health
Attended the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting
- September 14 Interviewed by CBC – Afternoon Drive – in regard to the most recent COVID-19 outbreak
- September 15 Regular update meeting with Board of Health Chair, Ms. Maureen Cassidy
Meeting with MPP Peggy Sattler in regard to COVID Assessment Centre Issues
- September 16 Interview with Global News Radio AM980 CFPL - Devon Peacock in regard to COVID-19 testing
Meeting with Terry Gillis, President & CEO at Ahria Consulting Inc.
Live interview with Ms. Rita Celli, CBC Ontario Radio, Ontario Today in regard to COVID-19 community outbreak, and behaviour of younger people
Key note speaker at the Canadian Club of London meeting - Covid-19: Defining Our Time

- September 17 Attended a meeting of the Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council
Attended the Board of Health meeting
- September 18 Interview with CBC Radio Toronto – Hear and Now afternoon drive show with Jill Deacon, in regard to COVID-19 community outbreak
- September 21 Interviewed by Ms. Allison Devereaux, CBC London – London Morning Show in regard to COVID-19 updates
- September 22 Call with Mr. Mark Fisher, Director of Education, Thames Valley District School Board in regard to getting ready for positive COVID-19 cases in schools
Call with Mr. Andrew Lockie, Chief Executive Officer, YMCA of Western Ontario, in regard to COVID-19
- September 23 Participated on the Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Section meeting call
Participated in a call with staff from local school boards and staff from Southwestern Public Health in regard to a process for when a confirmed case emerges in a school
- September 24 Attended the Youth Opportunities Unlimited Board meeting
Regular update meeting with Ms. Maureen Cassidy, Board of Health Chair
- September 25 Participated in the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) Board teleconference.
Participated in the YMCA Virtual Retreat
- September 28 Interview with Mr. Tyson Robertson, XFM at Fanshawe College in regard to new methods of learning and the guidelines in place for returning post-secondary students

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



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