



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 NOVEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 054-20 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for November” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period October 3, 2020 to November 13, 2020.

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. See [Appendix A](#) for more information about work in Ontario Health West and the Southwest LHIN. 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 present on many topics, including COVID-19.

The following events were also attended by the MOH.

- October 5 Regular touchdown meeting with Ms. Maureen Cassidy, Board Chair
- October 7 October Board of Health meeting agenda review with Board Chair
In regard to the positive COVID case at Saunders Secondary School, the MOH was interviewed by: Global News Radio, Mike Stubbs; CBC Radio London, Kerry McKee; CTV London, Celine Moreau; and The London Free Press, Jennifer Bieman
- October 8 Interview with The Globe and Mail, Jeff Gray in regard to discussions at the Public Health Measures Table
- October 9 Interview with 900 CMHL Hamilton, Bill Kelly in regard to recommendations for having a safe Thanksgiving
Interview with The London Free Press, Jennifer Bieman in regard to case numbers for COVID
Phone meeting with senior City staff to discuss COVID restrictions
- October 13 Participation on the CBC London Morning Show for general COVID questions and updates
Phone meeting with Dr. Joyce Lock, SW Public Health to discuss pandemic response

- October 14 Teleconference meeting for all Medical Officers of Health with Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, in regard to Public Health Measures
- October 15 Virtually attended the Governance and Board of Health meetings
- October 16 Interview with The London Free Press, Jennifer Bieman in regard to outbreaks in Long-Term Care facilities
- October 19 Regular update meeting with the Board Chair
- October 20 Phone call with some hospitality sector stakeholders in regard to Section 22 restrictions
- October 21 Phone call with Dr. Ian Arra, Grey Bruce Public Health to discuss the support process for congregate settings
Virtually attended a meeting of the Board of Health CEO Selection Committee
- October 22 Interview with Global News Radio AM900 CMHL, Bill Kelly in regard to Section 22 orders
Phone call with Mr. Tom Partalas, BMO Centre in regard to Section 22 restrictions
- October 23 Hosted a Community Sports and Fitness Sector Townhall to discuss Section 22 restrictions
Hosted a media briefing in regard to Section 22 restrictions for sport and fitness facilities
- October 26 Phone call with Ms. Jane Riddell, Goodlife Fitness in regard to Section 22 restrictions
- October 27 Participated on a live panel as guest speaker for the United Way of Middlesex and London
- October 28 Phone meeting with Councillor Hopkins in regard to yoga studios and restrictions
- October 29 Participated in a special meeting of the Board of Health
- October 30 Made a presentation at the Ontario Long-Term Care Clinician Conference
- November 3 Phone meeting with legal to discuss the Salesforce System Access Agreement
Participated in a phone meeting for Medical Officers of Health with Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health
- November 4 Regular touchdown meeting with Board Chair
Interview with The Western Gazette, Rebekah Rodriguez in regard to the effectiveness of plexiglass barriers in classrooms
Phone call with Mr. Ian Peer, Board of Health
- November 5 Attended a virtual meeting of the Finance & Facilities Committee
Phone call with Councillor van Holst in regard to attending an upcoming meeting of the CPSC
Phone meeting with legal in regard to the Salesforce System Access Agreement
Presented at the London & District Academy of Medicine Annual General Meeting on COVID-19 pandemic

- November 6 Interview with Jennifer Bieman, London Free Press in regard to the Province's Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework
Interview with Daryl Newcombe, CTV in record number of reported positive COVID cases
- November 8 Interview with Kelly Wang, Global News Radio A980 CFPL in regard to the spike in COVID cases and the Aylmer protest against wearing masks
Interview with Brent Lale, CTV London in regard to the spike in cases and what can be done to stop it
Interview with Jonathan Juha, London Free Press in regard to school cases and the increase in cases
- November 10 CBC London – London Morning Show to talk about increased case numbers and thoughts on freedom rallies and protests related to masking
Interview with Bruce Arthur, The Toronto Star
Virtual meeting with Minister Patty Hajdu, MP Peter Fragiskatos, MP Kate Young and Mayor Ed Holder to discuss London's response to COVID-19
- November 14 Ontario Medical students Association - Day of Action (speaker on stakeholder panel regarding public health funding and structure)

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



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