



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health  
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## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR APRIL

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 21-21 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for April” for information.*

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The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period March 5, 2021 to April 1, 2021.

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 team members 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:

- March 5** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) regarding the approval of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine
- March 9** Interview with Kerry McKee (CBC London), Nick Paparella (CTV London) and Jess Brady (980 CFPL) on the extended time of 112 days between COVID-19 vaccine doses
- March 10** Monthly meeting with Board Chair, Maureen Cassidy  
Call with General Rick Hillier
- March 12** Participated in COMOH Executive meeting  
Regular coaching session with Janine Higgins  
Participated in public health vaccine implementation call with General Rick Hillier
- March 15** Participated in the SW MOH/AMOH Meeting
- March 16** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on Variants of Concern (VoC)  
Interview with Kerry McKee (CBC London) on the third wave and the AstraZeneca vaccine
- March 17** Attended media event for opening of the vaccine clinic, at the North London Optimist Community Centre  
Participated in vaccine distribution call with General Rick Hillier

- March 18** Attended Board of Health Meeting
- March 19** Meeting with N’ Amerind Friendship Centre and SOAHAC on vaccine questions
- March 22** Participated in public health vaccine implementation call with General Rick Hillier
- March 23** Interview with Marek Sutherland (CTV London) on dispelling rumours about COVID-19  
Interview with Denise Paglinawan (Canadian Press) on vaccine booking online
- March 24** Attended Councillor Kayabaga’s Virtual Community Meeting
- March 25** Participated in vaccine distribution call with General Rick Hillier
- March 26** Attended an Ad-Hoc meeting of the (COMOH) Section Executive Committee meeting
- March 29** Participated in the SW MOH/AMOH Meeting  
Participated in public health vaccine implementation call with General Rick Hillier
- March 30** Interview with Devon Peacock (980 CFPL) regarding MLHU moving to “Red”  
Appeared on the 5:30 p.m. live show “Power and Politics” (CBC) regarding MLHU moving to “Red”
- March 31** Spoke at the virtual Ontario Camps Association Conference, on how camps can work with public health  
Appeared live on Bloomberg News Network, regarding general COVID-19 topics
- April 1** Interview with Rebecca Zandbergen (CBC London) on the latest in COVID-19 matters in the region  
Appeared on 1290 CJBK’s “Ask me Anything” to discuss COVID-19 matters  
Attended Finance and Facilities Committee meeting  
Met with Member of Provincial Parliament, Teresa Armstrong to discuss questions about vaccine from constituents

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



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