

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: 2022 April 21

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 25-22, re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for March” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of March 4 – April 7, 2022. As of March 30, the formal Minister of Health’s appointment of Dr. Alexander Summers as Medical Officer of Health is pending.

The Medical Officer of Health participates in external and internal pandemic-related meetings with municipal and provincial stakeholders, along with liaising with community partners during the pandemic. The MOH in partnership with MLHU’s Communications Team hosts a weekly virtual media briefing for COVID-19 matters, and includes the Mayor of London, the Warden of Middlesex County and a representative from London Health Sciences Centre.

The Medical Officer of Health, along with other team members, continues to host a weekly Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) Staff Town Hall (Friday) and presents on many topics, including COVID-19. The MOH also hosts weekly (Tuesday) healthcare provider outreach and community stakeholder webinars with information regarding COVID-19.

The Medical Officer of Health also attended the following meetings:

Client and Community Impact – *These meeting(s) reflect the MOH’s representation of the Health Unit in the community and media:*

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| March 4 | Interview with Jen Bieman (London Free Press) on mask mandates. |
| March 9 | Participated in an in-person news conference, regarding his appointment as Medical Officer of Health.
Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Weekly Forum. |
| March 10 | Participated in West Region IMS meeting.
Interview with Rebecca Zandbergen (CBC London) on mask mandates and Dr. Summers’ appointment.
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Operations and Planning call. |
| March 11 | Interview with Mike Stubbs (AM980) on the second anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| March 14 | Participated in Middlesex County IMS meeting. |

- March 15** Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting.
Participated in Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.
- March 21** Appeared on Craig Needles' Podcast to discuss Section 22 orders under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.
- March 22** Participated in Southwest Medical Officers of Health Monthly meeting hosted by Chatham-Kent.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) clinic shift.
- March 23** Interview with Marek Sutherland (CTV London) on COVID-19 positive wastewater rates in London.
- March 28** Participated in Middlesex County IMS meeting.
- March 29** Interview with Jaclyn Carbone (AM980) on rapid testing.
Attended City of London IMS/Policy Group meeting.
- March 31** With the Chief Executive Officer, met with City of London representatives, Maureen Cassidy and Kapil Lakhotia to discuss plans regarding a London mental health hub.
With the Chief Executive Officer, met with Dr. Wajid Ahmed (Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario) to discuss public health matters locally.
- April 1** Interview with Jen Bieman (London Free Press) on current opioid situation.
Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on PCR testing.
- April 6** Attended Western Regional Integrated Vaccination meeting with Dr. Daniel Warshafsky (MOH).
Interview with Mike Stubbs (Global News) and Jen Bieman (London Free Press) on fourth doses.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) clinic shift.
- April 7** Interview with Ken Eastwood and Loreena Dickson (Newstalk CJBK) on COVID-19 matters locally.

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:*

- March 4** Led Senior Leadership Team Retreat with the Chief Executive Officer.
- March 7** Led Senior Leadership Team Retreat with the Chief Executive Officer.
- March 8** Attended MLHU Leadership Team meeting.
- March 9** Led Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) Management meeting
- March 10** Attended Infectious Disease Control (IDC) Program meeting.
- March 23** Led Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) Management meeting

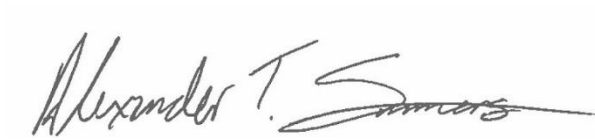
Attended webinar/forum on public health priorities, hosted by the Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH).

- March 24** Attended webinar hosted by Dr. Dirk Huyer (Chief Coroner, Ontario) and Matthew Anderson (CEO and President, Ontario Health) on “The Opioid Overdose Crisis as a Public Health Emergency”.
- March 28** Led Senior Leadership Team Retreat with the Chief Executive Officer.
- March 31** Attended Environmental Health and Infectious Disease division meeting. With the Chief Nursing Officer, met with stakeholders with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to discuss funding proposals specific to responding to the Chief Public Health Officer’s (CPHO)’s 2021 report on the state of public health in Canada.
- April 1** Attended Program Evaluation meeting.
- April 5** Attended webinar hosted by the Public Health Association of British Columbia on “Our Planet, Our Health, Our Public Health Responsibility” in honour of Canadian Public Health Week.
- April 6** Attended MLHU Leadership Team session on “Joy in Work”.

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:*

- March 7** Participated in a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer to discuss program proposals and operational plans for the Vaccine Preventable Disease program
Attended Special Board of Health meeting
- March 11** Meeting with the Acting Managers of Population Health Assessment and Surveillance (PHAS) and Program Planning and Evaluation (PPE) on future projects needing PHAS/PPE support.
- March 17** Attended Board of Health meeting.
- March 22** Attended a Special Meeting of the City of London’s Strategic Projects and Policy Committee (SPPC).
- March 24** Attended Western Ontario Health Team (WOHT)’s Coordinating Council meeting.
- March 31** Attended the MLHU Anti-Black Racism Advisory Group meeting.
- April 4** Meeting with Mike McMahon (Ontario Health Team) on OHT and MLHU collaboration.
- April 7** Attended Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alexander T. Summers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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