



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 APRIL

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 26-21 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for May” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of April 5 – May 6, 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 Mayor Ed Holder hold bi-weekly COVID-19 virtual media briefings (Monday and Thursday), with the Warden of Middlesex County and a representative from London Health Sciences Centre attending once each week.

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:

- April 5** Interview with Bryan Bicknell (CTV London) regarding UWO outbreaks and vaccine eligibility
- April 6** Interview with Rebecca Zandbergen (CBC London) on the increase of cases in young people 18 to 22, and general updates on COVID-19 in the region
- April 7** Strategic planning discussion with Chairs Cassidy and Parker and Emily Williams
- April 8** Appeared on 1290 CJBK’s “Ask me Anything” to discuss COVID-19 matters
- April 9** Attended alPHa Board Meeting
Regular coaching session with Janine Higgins
- April 14** Call with Dr. Homer Tien, Chair of Vaccine Task Force on local vaccine rollout
Strategic planning discussion with Chairs Cassidy and Parker and Emily Williams
- April 15** Met with Member of Parliament, Lindsay Mathyssen to discuss questions about vaccine and COVID-19 from constituents
Attended Governance Committee and Board of Health meetings

- April 16** Appeared on the 5:30 p.m. live show “Power and Politics” (CBC) as a panelist with Mayor of Brampton, Patrick Brown on individual regions and how they are handling vaccine/COVID-19
- April 19** Participated in the SW MOH/AMOH Meeting
- April 20** Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on vaccine supply and booking appointments
Interview with Randy Richmond (London Free Press) on Phase 2 and vaccination in pharmacies
- April 23** Regular coaching session with Janine Higgins
- April 27** Interview with Bryan Bicknell (CTV London) regarding the increase of cases in the region
- April 28** Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on the increase in cases in the region
- April 29** Meeting with members of the Black community on building vaccine confidence
- April 30** Interview with Marek Sutherland (CTV London) regarding the vaccine appointments in the region
- May 3** Attended a meeting with other MOH’s to strategically discuss recovery
- May 4** Appeared on EVO TV’s “Real Talk, Straight Talk” to discuss COVID-19 within the Black community
Participated in Science Table Working Session, with the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table
- May 5** Met with Dr. Lawrence Loh (Peel) and Dr. Jennifer Loo (Algoma) to prepare for the upcoming invitation to attend a House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on NACI updates
Appeared on 980 CFPL to discuss vaccine and celebrating Mother’s Day safely

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



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