



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health

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## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH

### ***Recommendation***

***It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 26-23, re: Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for March for information.***

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The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of February 28, 2023 – March 31, 2023.

The Medical Officer of Health provides oversight of all public health programs at the Middlesex-London Health Unit, and co-chairs the Senior Leadership Team. The Medical Officer of Health participates in a wide range of external and internal meetings, along with liaising with community partners and municipal and provincial stakeholders.

The Medical Officer of Health, along with other team members, continues to host a weekly Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) Staff Town Hall.

The Medical Officer of Health also participated in the following meetings:

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

- February 28** Hosted operational leaders from the Middlesex London Ontario Health Team to discuss ongoing collaboration between them and the MLHU regarding population health.
- March 1** Met with Lynne Livingstone, Manager, City of London.
- March 2** Participated in a call with Dr. Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health, Northwestern Health Unit.
- March 6** Attended a report briefing meeting hosted by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
- Interview with Dr. Mario Elia, Rogers TV.
- March 7** Attended a meeting with First Nations Community partners and Indigenous Services Canada.
- Attended the bi-weekly Ministry of Health Provincial Public Health Coordination Call,
- March 8** Attended the bi-weekly meeting with London Middlesex Primary Care Alliance and Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team regarding vaccinations.

- March 9** Along with the CEO, met with leadership from the Middlesex London Ontario Health Team regarding the MLHU's engagement with the OHT.
- March 10** Interview with Devon Peacock, Global News 980 CFPL regarding the three-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Attended the monthly COMOH Executive meeting.
- Interview with Jane Sims, London Free Press, regarding the three-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Interview with Brian Bicknell, CTV London, regarding the three-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- March 13** Met with Brian Lester, Regional HIV/AIDS Connection and Rhonda Brittan, Manager, Healthy Communities and Injury Prevention to discuss the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy.
- March 14** Met with Dr. Chris Watling, Schulich School of Medicine, University of Western Ontario regarding Schulich's strategic planning and incorporating identifying priority health needs.
- Interview with Kate Dubinski, CBC London regarding the Board of Health report about cannabis trends.
- Interview with Jen Bieman, London Free Press, regarding the Board of Health report about the burden of health attributable to smoking and alcohol consumption.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health, Lambton Public Health.
- March 15** Interview with Sean Irvine, CTV London, regarding the Board of Health report about CLIF funding for cannabis programming.
- March 16** Interview with Devon Peacock, Global News 980 CFPL regarding the Board of Health report about the burden of health attributable to smoking and alcohol consumption.
- Participated in a roundtable regarding health and homelessness hosted by Arielle Kayabaga, Member of Parliament.
- March 20** Participated in a meeting with CUPE regarding MLHU's 2023 budget.
- Chaired the monthly meeting of the South West Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health Committee.
- March 21** Presented the Healthcare Provider Outreach webinar.
- Interview with Heather Rivers, London Free Press, regarding suspensions per the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- Interview with Marshall Healey, Global News, regarding suspensions per the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

- Attended the bi-weekly Ministry of Health Provincial Public Health Coordination Call,
- March 22** Interview with Sean Irvine, CTV London, regarding suspensions per *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- Interview with Angela McInnes, CBC London, regarding suspensions per *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.
- March 23** Attended a table meeting regarding the Health and Homelessness Summit, held by the City of London.
- Attended the Middlesex London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council meeting.
- March 24** Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- Attended a meeting regarding an IPAC lapse.
- Met with Martin McIntosh, Executive Director of Regional HIV/AIDS Connection.
- March 27** Attended the Health and Homelessness Organizational Leaders meeting, organized by the City of London.
- March 28** Participated in a call with Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.
- Met with the Chair, Middlesex-London Food Policy Council.

**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 1** Attended a meeting to discuss a strategy to address local STI rates.
- March 2** Attended an internal meeting to discuss the 2023 budget.
- Attended a SDOH Project Sponsor meeting.
- March 9** Attended the monthly Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Team and Medical Officer of Health meeting.
- March 15** Met with Lilka Young, Health and Safety Advisor, regarding occupational health and safety COVID-19 safety measures.
- March 16** Participated in interviews for the Associate Medical Officer of Health position.
- Attended a Provisional Planning Sponsor check-in meeting.
- March 21** Attended a social for MLHU's Management Leadership Team.
- March 22** Attended a Provisional Planning Sponsor check-in meeting.

Attended the Office of the Medical Officer of Health Management meeting.

Attended the Office of the Medical Officer of Health Division meeting.

**March 24** Attended the monthly surveillance meeting.

**Personal Development** – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH develops their leadership, skills and growth to define their vision and goals for the Health Unit.*

**March 1** Participated in the first LEADS training session.

**March 3** Attended a lecture at Western University regarding Climate Change and Health.

**March 15** Participated in the second LEADS training session.

**March 20** Attended the Ontario Medical Association, Section of Public Health Physicians virtual annual general meeting.

**March 27** Attended the Ontario Public Health Conference (TOPHC) virtually.

**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 2** Attended a touch-base meeting with the Board chair.

**March 8** Attended the monthly Board of Health agenda review and executive meetings.

**March 9** Attended the March Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

**March 16** Attended the March Board of Health meeting.

**March 20** Attended the monthly touch-base meeting with the Board chair.

**March 23** With the CEO, met with the Executive Assistant to the Board of Health regarding the board report policy.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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