



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Alexander Summers, 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. 33-22, re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for April” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of April 1 – May 5, 2022. As of May 5, the formal Minister of Health’s appointment of Dr. Alexander Summers as Medical Officer of Health is pending.

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. During the pandemic, the Medical Officer of Health extensively participates in external and internal pandemic-related meetings with municipal and provincial stakeholders, along with liaising with community partners. 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 biweekly (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:*

- 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 (Associate Chief MOH, Ontario).
Interview with Mike Stubbs (Global News) and Jen Bieman (London Free Press) on fourth doses.
- April 7** Interview with Ken Eastwood and Loreena Dickson (Newstalk CJBK) on COVID-19 matters locally.
- April 11** Attended Middlesex County Emergency Control Group meeting.
Attended IPAC Hub Working Group meeting.
- April 12** Attended City of London Emergency Control Group meeting.

Attended Special Meeting of the Thames Valley District School Board with Dr. Ninh Tran, Acting Medical Officer of Health at Southwestern Public Health Unit.

- April 13** Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) meeting.
- April 14** Interview with Reta Ismail (CTV London) on the increasing case counts in Middlesex-London.
Hosted Her Honour Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, along with the Mayor of London at the Agriplex Vaccination Clinic.
- April 19** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.
Met with Western University Leadership on COVID-19 Planning.
- April 20** Attended COMOH meeting on “Public Health Priorities”.
Attended 2022 Pillar Annual Community Connector.
- April 25** Attended Middlesex County Emergency Control Group meeting
Lectured at Western University’s Coordinated Professional Development Program (Parkwood Hospital) on “COVID-19 Vaccines and Variants”.
Attended Southwest Medical Officers of Health meeting, hosted by Grey-Bruce Public Health Unit.
- April 26** Attended City of London Emergency Control Group meeting.
Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.
- April 27** Attended COMOH meeting.
- April 28** Met with Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Wajid Ahmed, on COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 matters.
Interview with Mike Stubbs (Global News) on school vaccinations.
- May 4** Attended biweekly London Middlesex Primary Care Alliance meeting.
- May 5** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.

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:*

- April 1** Attended Program Evaluation meeting.
- April 4** Met with CUPE Representatives, with the Chief Executive Officer.
- 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”.
- April 8** Hosted Canadian Public Health Week “Coffee Break” at CitiPlaza
- April 12** Attended MLHU Leadership Team meeting.

- April 13** Attended MLHU Leadership Team session on “Joy in Work”.
Attended webinar on “Air and Health” from the Canadian Associations of Physicians for the Environment.
- May 3** Attended Health Unit Clinic Physicians’ meeting
- May 4** Participated in “Crucial Conversations” workshop at the Health Unit.

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:*

- April 4** Participated in a meeting with the Executive Director of Thames Valley Health Team, Mike McMahon regarding the Ontario Health Team (OHT).
- April 7** Attended Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.
Meeting with Ministry of Health regarding funding, with the Chief Executive Officer.
- April 21** Attended Governance Committee meeting.
Attended Board of Health meeting.
- April 28** Attended Western Ontario Health Team (WOHT) Coordinating Council meeting.
Attended Special Board of Health meeting.
- May 5** Meeting with Ministry of Health regarding funding, with the Chief Executive Officer.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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