



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 APRIL

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 38-23, re: Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for April for information.*

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The following report highlights activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of April 1, 2023 – April 30, 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:*

- April 4** Presented the Health Care Provider Outreach webinar.
- Attended a meeting organized by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for all Medical Officers of Health regarding avian influenza.
- April 5** Attended the COMO Public Health Priorities Forum meeting.
- April 11** Met with Scott Courtice, London InterCommunity Health Centre, to discuss the Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy.
- Attended a regional teleconference on pertussis organized by Public Health Ontario.
- April 12** Attended the monthly COMO Executive meeting.
- Interview with Jane Sims, London Free Press, regarding the closing of the COVID, Cold and Flu Care Clinic at London Health Sciences Centre.
- April 13** Attended a meeting regarding governance and implementation of the Whole of Community Systems Response Plan.
- April 14** Attended the monthly ALPHA Board Meeting.

Attended a System Response Roundtable with Minister Carolyn Bennett.

Participated in a site-visit at the London InterCommunity Health Centre to view the space and learn about programming.

**April 17** Attended the monthly meeting of the South West Medical Officer of Health/Associate Medical Officer of Health Committee.

**April 18** Presented the Health Care Provider Outreach webinar.  
Attended the monthly COMOHO Executive meeting.

Met with Dr. Sameer Elsayed, London Health Sciences Centre to discuss public health rotations for infectious disease fellows from Western University.

**April 19** Attended a COMOHO Section meeting.

Met with Lynne Livingstone, Manager, City of London.

Attended a Health and Homelessness Governance meeting.

Interview with Jennifer Basa, CTV London, regarding the next *Immunization of School Pupils Act* suspension date.

**April 20** Attended a meeting of the COMOHO Ontario Health Teams Working Group.

**April 21** Participated in an Information session regarding asylum seekers organized by the City of London.

Participated in a call with Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Sudbury and Districts.

**April 24** Attended the Middlesex County Emergency Management Program Committee meeting.

**April 25** Attended a meeting with representatives from Regional HIV/AIDS Connection.

**April 26** Attended a briefing meeting for the Public Health Leadership Table

**April 27** Attended the monthly Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Coordinating Council meeting.

Attended a meeting of the Public Health Leadership Table, organized by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Attended a Health and Homelessness Governance meeting.

**April 28** With Emily Williams, CEO, provided an orientation on MLHU to LHSC's Corporate Medical Executive.

Participated in a call with Dr Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health, Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

**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 4** With Emily Williams, CEO, attended the Healthy Start Division Leadership Meeting to present on the Provisional Plan.
- April 5** Chaired the meeting of the First Nations Communities Working Group.
- Met with Jenn Proulx, Acting Director, Healthy Start and Ronda Manning, Manager, Early Years Community Health Promotion to discuss a mental health review for the Healthy Start Division.
- April 6** Attended a meeting to discuss a potential Locally Driven Collaborative Project related to school health.
- Attended MLHU's coffee break recognizing Canadian Public Health Week.
- April 12** Attended the monthly meeting of the Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Team.
- Attended an internal meeting regarding a case of Hepatitis A.
- April 18** Met with Lilka Young, Health and Safety Advisor, to discuss IPAC at MLHU due to entering a non-high risk period for respiratory illness.
- April 19** Attended a Provisional Planning Sponsor check-in meeting.
- Attended a SDOH Project Sponsor meeting.
- April 20** Attended a meeting regarding the Outreach Team.
- Chaired the Healthy Living Division Leadership meeting.
- Attended a meeting regarding case and contact management in-app reporting.
- April 26** Attended a coffee break to celebrate Eid al-Fitr.
- April 27** With Emily Williams, CEO, attended the Environmental Health and Infectious Disease Division Leadership meeting to present on the Provisional Plan.
- 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.*
- April 3** Attended CPI Non Violence Intervention training.
- April 5** Participated in the third LEADS training session.
- April 26** Participated in the fourth LEADS training session.

**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 12**      Attended the monthly Board of Health agenda review and executive meetings.
- April 17**      Attended the monthly touch-base meeting with the Board chair.
- April 20**      Attended the April Governance Committee meeting.
- Attended the April Board of Health meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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