

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 AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

### **Recommendation**

*It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 41-21 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for August and September” for information.*

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The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of July 1 – September 1, 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:

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| <b>July 2</b>  | Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on a local church outbreak   |
| <b>July 4</b>  | Participated in SW MOH/AMOH standing meeting (hosted by Windsor-Essex)  |
| <b>July 9</b>  | Interview with Jess Brady (Global News Radio, 980 CFPL) on Stage 3 reopening  |
| <b>July 12</b> | Meeting with Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce on school reopening   |
| <b>July 13</b> | Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on moving to the walk-in model at vaccination clinics<br>Participated in Science Table Working Session, with the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table   |
| <b>July 15</b> | Participated in Science Table Working Session, with the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table<br>Participated in COMO section meeting with the Chief Medical Officer of Health<br>Attended Finance and Facilities Committee and Board of Health meeting |
| <b>July 29</b> | Meeting with President Alan Shepard to discuss vaccination at Western University<br>Participated in COMO section meeting with the Chief Medical Officer of Health   |

- August 4** Meeting with Jenifer Dunn of London Abused Women's Centre to discuss statistics and domestic violence during the pandemic  
Participated in Last Mile Regional Engagement Session with the Ministry of Health  
Interview with Sophia Harris (CBC News) on Moderna supply expiring  
Participated in Ultimate Canada Sports' Medical Working Group
- August 6** Interview with Ashley Okwuosa (TVO) on local vaccination efforts
- August 9** Meeting with President Peter Devlin to discuss vaccination at Fanshawe College
- August 13** Meeting with Council of Universities to discuss vaccination in university settings  
Interview with Jess Brady (Global News Radio, 980 CFPL) on 2009 age group vaccinations.
- August 31** Attended Thames Valley District School Board Meeting with Dr. Joyce Lock (Southwestern Public Health) to discuss vaccination in students and staff.
- September 1** Participated in Last Mile Regional Engagement Session with the Ministry of Health  
Participated in telephone town hall (hosted by MPP Teresa Armstrong) on back-to-school with TVDSB Trustees Rahman and Pizzolato

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



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