



MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT

REPORT NO. 47-21

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 OCTOBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 47-21 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for October” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of September 2, 2021 – October 7, 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:

- September 2** Attended Finance and Facilities Committee and Special Board of Health meetings
- September 3** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) and Jane Sims (London Free Press) on winding down of mass vaccination clinics
Meeting with Dr. Joyce Lock (SWPH) and Director Vince Romeo (LDCSB) regarding vaccination clinics in schools
- September 8** Participated in Last Mile (MoH) Regional Engagement session
Interview with Darryl Newcombe (CTV London) regarding the “Sexy Vaxx” campaign
- September 9** Attended COMOH Executive meeting
Participated in Science Table Working Session, with the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table
- September 13** Participated in SW MOH/AMOH standing meeting (hosted by Grey-Bruce)
- September 14** Participated in Ultimate Canada Sports (Medical Working Group) meeting

- September 15** Attended Governance Committee meeting
Participated in Last Mile (MoH) Regional Engagement session
Participated in Science Table Working Session, with the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table
- September 16** Attended Board of Health meeting
- September 17** Attended alpha Board meeting
- September 22** Attended COMOH Section meeting
Meeting with COMOH Recovery Report Working Group on Public Health Program Delivery and Commencement
Participated in Last Mile (MoH) Regional Engagement session
Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) regarding vaccine passports
- September 23** Co-hosted webinar with Dr. Summers on vaccination policies/workplace vaccination to members of the London Chamber of Commerce
- September 24** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on “Sexy Vaxx” campaign
- September 29** Participated in Last Mile (MoH) Regional Engagement session
- October 1** Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on enforcement of vaccine passports
Interview with Randy Richmond (London Free Press) on a current outbreak at Elgin Middlesex Detention Centre
- October 6** Attend virtual Canadian Public Health Association: Public Health Program 2021
Participated in joint media briefing with Dr. Joyce Lock (SWPH) and Dr. Miriam Klassen (HPPH) to announce the letter of instruction for sporting organizations.

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



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