



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 JULY AND AUGUST

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 54-22, re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for July and August” for information.

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

On July 30, the Medical Officer of Health received non-admitting hospital privileges for sites at London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph’s Healthcare London for the purpose of gathering mandated information relating to infectious diseases and environmental hazards cases.

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 (Friday) and presents on many topics, including COVID-19.

The Medical Officer of Health also participated in the following:

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

- July 4** Interview with Angela McInnes (CBC London) on influenza locally.
Interview with Mike Stubbs (AM980) on availability of fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
Attended meeting with Ministry of Health on Monkeypox vaccination.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.
- July 5** Visited with clients and public health nurses at MLHU’s Smart Start for Babies program at South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.
- July 8** Participated in City of London’s Emergency Operations Centre (control group) meeting on the Rogers network outage.
Interview with Dan Brown (London Free Press) on COVID-19 subvariants.
- July 11** Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.

- July 12** Hosted Healthcare Provider webinar, with the Healthcare Provider Outreach team. Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.
- July 13** Met with Dr. Vladimir Hachinski of Robarts Research Institute to discuss the Dementia Prevention Initiative.
Attended an Infection Prevention and Control working group meeting.
Interviews with Angela McInnes (CBC London), Jennifer Basa (CTV London), Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press), Mike Stubbs (AM980) and Allison Devereaux (CBC London) on the expansion of eligibility for a fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- July 14** Attended meeting with Ministry of Health on Monkeypox vaccination.
Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on the status of booking a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.
- July 15** Attended meeting with community partners on the status of opioid use in the community.
- July 18** Attended Southwest Medical Officer of Health meeting hosted by MLHU.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.
- July 19** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.
- July 21** Attended meeting with the Provincial Emergency Operations Center to discuss COVID-19 fall preparedness planning.
- July 22** Meeting with Ministry of Health and Public Health Ontario on case and contact management.
Attended meeting with Ministry of Health on Monkeypox vaccination.
- July 23** Visited MLHU staff working at the London Pride event.
- August 8** Interview with Andrew Graham (980 CFPL) on the provincial decision to mandate masks being worn by students in school in September.
- August 9** Hosted Healthcare Provider webinar with the Healthcare Provider Outreach team.
Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.
Interview with Brent Lale (CTV London) on COVID-19 outbreaks in long term care homes locally.
- August 10** Attended London-Middlesex Primary Care Association meeting.
- August 11** Meeting with Fanshawe College leadership on fall semester preparations.
- August 12** Meeting with Western University leadership on fall semester preparations.
- August 15** Meeting with Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team on access to primary care.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.
- August 17** Attended meeting with Ministry of Health on Monkeypox vaccination.
Interview with Colin Butler (CBC London) on COVID-19 matters.
- August 18** Interviews with Jennifer Basa (CTV London) and Jane Sims (London Free Press) on the COVID-19 Assessment Centre being relocated to Victoria Hospital.

- August 22** Meeting with Paul Cobb of Climate Risk Institute to discuss a climate-health funding project with Public Health Agency of Canada.
Meeting with London Community Foundation to discuss their vital signs data project.
- August 23** Interview with Marek Sutherland (CTV London) on masking at Western University.
Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.
- August 24** Meeting with Lynne Livingstone, City Manager of the City of London to discuss public health and London matters.
- August 25** Attended funding announcement for the iHeal Program at Western University.
Attended Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry's Master of Public Health program showcase.
- August 26** Participated in research interview with students from the University of Saskatchewan on variants of concern.
- August 29** Participated in research interview with research team from the University of Toronto on vaccine confidence.
Participated in Community Health Impacts meeting, hosted by the City of London.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.
- August 30** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.
- August 31** Attended meeting with Ministry of Health on Monkeypox vaccination.
Interviews with Brent Lale (CTV London) and Matthew Trevithick (AM980) on International Overdose Awareness Day.

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:*

- July 4** Supervision of medical student during their public health rotation at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.
- July 7** Attended Public Health Ontario's Grand Rounds, discussing syphilis in Ontario.
- July 12** Attended MLHU Leadership Team meeting.
- July 13** Attended Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) Management meeting.
- August 10** Attended Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) Management meeting.
- August 15** Supervision of medical student during their public health observership at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.
- August 22** Greeted new MLHU employees at their first day orientation.
Attended Public Health Ontario webinar on Blastomycosis in Ontario.
- August 24** Attended Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) Management meeting.

August 30 Supervision of medical resident during their public health rotation at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

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:*

July 6 Attended Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting.

July 7 Attended Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.
Attended Special meeting of the Board of Health.

July 14 Attended Board of Health meeting.

July 15 Attended Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Board meeting.

August 18 Attended Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Executive meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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