



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 SEPTEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 62-22, re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for September” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of September 2 – October 6, 2022.

On September 14, Dr. Summers appointment as the Medical Officer of Health for the Middlesex-London Health was formally confirmed by the Minister of Health.

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:*

September 6 Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health coordination call.

September 12 Interviews with Travis Dolynny (CBC London), Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press), Bryan Bicknell (CTV London) and Mike Stubbs (AM980) on the bi-valent COVID-19 vaccine.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.

September 13 Participated in City of London’s Emergency Operations Centre (control group) meeting. Met with Michael Sherar, President & Chief Executive Officer of Public Health Ontario for an introductory meeting.

September 16 Participated in drum awakening ceremony with partners from Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

September 19 Attended meeting with acute care partners on COVID-19 matters.
Attended meeting with the City of London regarding strategic planning.

September 24 Provided greetings at the Salvation Army CanStruction event to bring awareness on food insecurity in the community.

September 26 Interview with Devon Peacock (AM980), George Ring (The X) and Gary Ennett (CBC London) on the bi-valent COVID-19 vaccine.
Participated in drum awakening ceremony with partners from Munsee-Delaware First Nation.
Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.

September 27 Attended meet and greet with City of London Senior Leadership at Citi Plaza.

October 1 Interview with Jennifer Bieman (London Free Press) on COVID-19 matters.

October 3 Worked evening Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic at Citi Plaza.

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:*

September 6 Supervision of medical resident during their public health rotation at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

September 7 Presented on COVID-19 matters at the Citywide Family Medicine Grand Rounds.
Lectured on public health in infectious disease at the Infectious Disease Academic Half Day at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

September 12 Met with union partners (CUPE and ONA) for quarterly leadership touchbase.
Supervision of medical students during their public health rotation at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

September 13 Attended MLHU Leadership Team meeting.

September 14 Attended Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) Management meeting.

September 21 Participated in Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry's Dr. Ian McWhinney Lecture Series on Public Health.

September 28 Attended OMOH Leadership meeting.

October 3 Attended OMOH Division meeting.

October 5 Lectured at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry's Master of Public Health program on leadership lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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:*

September 8 Attended Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting.

September 15 Attended Governance Committee meeting.
Attended Board of Health meeting.

September 20 Attended COMOHO (Council of Medical Officers of Health) executive meeting.

September 21 Attended COMOHO Section meeting.

September 29 Attended Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) Board meeting.

October 5 Attended COMOHO Section meeting.

October 6 Attended Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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