

Middlesex-London Board of Health External Landscape Review – January 2024

The purpose of this briefing note is to inform MLHU Board of Health members about what is happening in the world of public health and impacts to the work of the MLHU and Board. This includes governance and legislative changes, news from other local public units, external reports on important public health matters, learning opportunities and MLHU events. **Please note that items listed on this correspondence are to inform Board members and are not necessarily an endorsement.**

Local Public Health News

New Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer appointed for Public Health Sudbury & Districts

The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Mustafa Hirji as its next Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), succeeding Dr. Penny Sutcliffe as of March 18, 2024.



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Dr. Hirji joins Public Health following more than eight years at Niagara Region Public Health where he served as Associate Medical Officer of Health including almost five and a half years Acting as the Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Public Health and Emergency Services. During his tenure in Niagara, Dr. Hirji led the community's response to the pandemic, increased focus on health equity, and strengthened the organization's capabilities in communications and data analytics.

To view the full media release, please visit [Public Health Sudbury & Districts' website](#).

Impact to MLHU Board of Health

The Board supports collaboration and connection with other public health units in the province and encourages MLHU's Medical Officer of Health to work with other Medical Officers of Health as necessary for advocacy and idea sharing.

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Infectious Disease Trends in Ontario

The updated Infectious Disease Trends database for Ontario was updated on December 18, 2023 for data up to 2022. The Infectious Disease Trends in Ontario interactive tool provides 10 years of analyzed data on diseases of public health significance in Ontario. Data are collected by the public health units primarily from clinicians, laboratories and hospitals and then analyzed by PHO.

To learn more, visit the [Public Health Ontario website](#).

Impact to MLHU Board of Health

The Board of Health has made decisions on restructuring in order to be able to continue vital public health programming while conducting intervention-based work. Data such as the infectious disease trends of Ontario may assist in planning and policy.

National, Provincial and Local Public Health Advocacy**Federal 2024 Budget Consultation**

The Federal Government is seeking submissions on the 2024 Budget by February 9, 2024.

To learn more, visit the [2024 Budget website](#).

**Impact to MLHU Board of Health**

The Board of Health has made decisions on restructuring in order to be able to continue vital public health programming while conducting intervention-based work. Providing feedback on the budget is important for providing impacts of the lack of public health funding.