



Healthcare Provider Webinar
Middlesex and London Region
April 4, 2023

Welcome

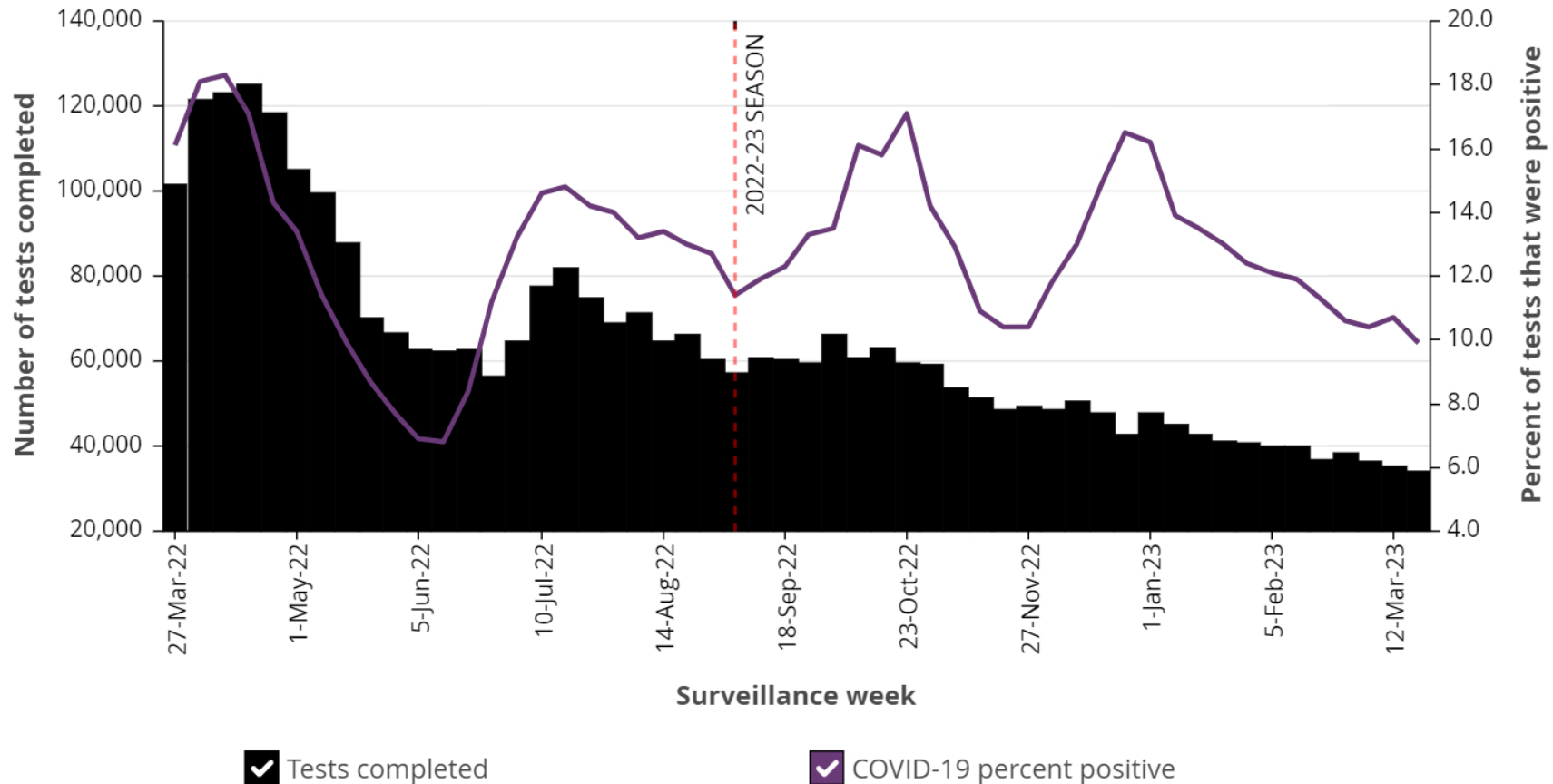
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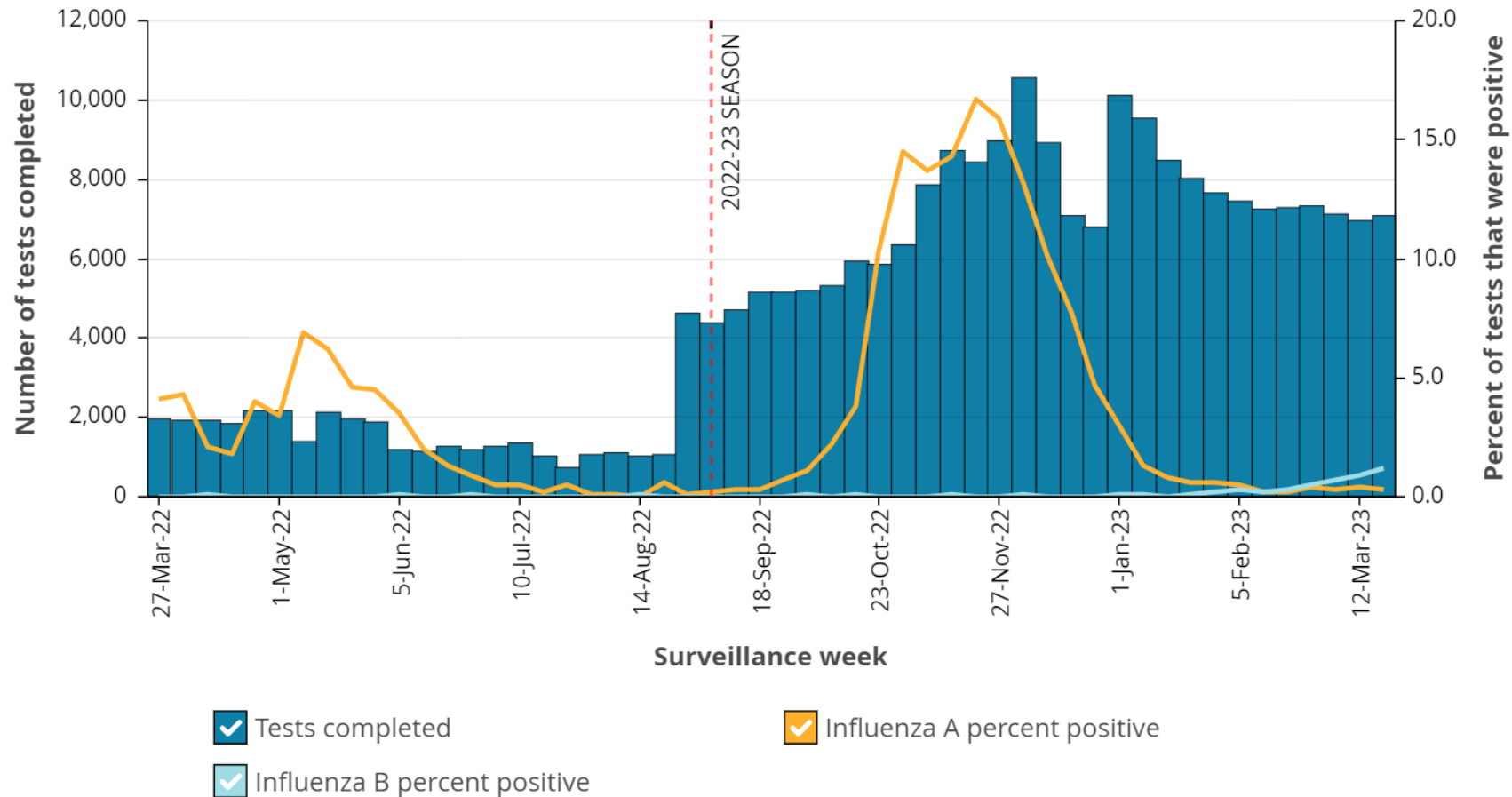
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Number of COVID-19 tests completed and percent positive by surveillance week March 27, 2022 to March 25, 2023



Data source: Public Health Ontario- Ontario COVID-19 Data Tool, extracted 2023-04-04. Data current as of the end of day 2023-03-25. <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Infectious-Disease/COVID-19-Data-Surveillance/COVID-19-Data-Tool?tab=overview>

Number of influenza tests performed and percent positive by surveillance week March 27, 2022 to March 25, 2023



Infant Hearing Screening Program update

- The Health Unit has been receiving an increased number of inquiries regarding infant hearing testing.
- While we do not provide this service, the Ontario Infant Hearing Program (IHP) is a province-wide program of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services that families can be referred to.
- TVCC (formerly known as Thames Valley Children's Centre) coordinates the Infant Hearing Program in the Southwest region. Locally, services are provided in Elgin - St. Thomas, Middlesex - London and Oxford counties.
- All screening services are performed by Ministry trained staff and any infants that refer from the screening program are followed up by registered Audiologists trained by IHP. For more information, please visit the Ontario IHP website (*linked in eNewsletter*).
- Universal newborn hearing screening takes place in the hospital pre-discharge, or in the community before eight weeks of age. If a baby is over four weeks old and the family has **not** been contacted to book a hearing screening, please call TVCC at 1-877-818-8255 or 519-663-0273.

New date available for Mainpro+® Baby-Friendly Practices Workshop for HCPs

- This one-day workshop is Mainpro+® certified for up to seven credits and builds on key information from the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario's (RNAO) E-Learning Breastfeeding Course.
- The next workshop will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023.**
- Please visit the Health Unit website (*linked in eNewsletter*) for registration information.

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Baby-Friendly Practices Workshop For Healthcare Professionals

This one-day workshop supplements key information from the RNAO E-Learning Breastfeeding Course through interactive, hands-on activities, and discussion. Content is based on the WHO/UNICEF 20-Hour Lactation Management Course and has been adapted by the Baby-Friendly Initiative Strategy for Ontario and Middlesex-London Health Unit. The workshop supports best practices in the care of prenatal and postpartum women and families around infant feeding.

Where: BMO Centre, 295 Rectory St. London
Room D (second floor, follow signs)
Free parking available

Cost: \$30 (lunch will be provided)

When: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

To register, click here:
[Tuesday May 9, 2023](#)

Completion of the [RNAO Breastfeeding E-Learning](#) Course is required prior to the workshop. Attendees will receive details upon registration.

This workshop has been certified for up to 7 Mainpro+® credits.



For course information,
contact laura.dueck@mlhu.on.ca

 www.healthunit.com

Oral Health Presentation

Cindy Holden
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Oral Health Team

Happy Oral Health Month!

- Overview of the Oral Health Team at Middlesex London Health Unit
- Canada Dental Benefit
- Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP)
- Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO Core, Emergency and Essential Services Stream, Preventive Services.



MLHU Oral Health Team

- Oral Health Team at MLHU is responsible for:
 - School screenings
 - Dental Clinics
 - Fluoride Varnish Program
 - Health Promotion
 - Community events and partnerships.



Canada Dental Benefit

- Interim benefit to help lower dental costs for eligible families earning less than 90,000 a year.
- Eligibility-Child receiving dental treatment is under 12 years of age and doesn't have access to a private dental insurance plan.
- Depending on your adjusted family net income, a tax-free payment of \$260, \$390, or \$650 is available for each eligible child. This interim dental benefit is only available for 2 periods. You can get a maximum of 2 payments for each eligible child. Benefit payments are administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- The first benefit period is for children under 12 years old as of December 1, 2022 who receive dental care between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- Benefit can be used with other programs, e.g. Healthy Smiles, if full amount for treatment is not covered through that program.

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

- The new Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program is a government-funded dental care program. It provides free, routine dental services for low-income seniors who are **65 years of age or older**.
- Coverage includes:
 - check-ups, including scaling, fluoride and polishing
 - repairing broken teeth and cavities
 - x-rays
 - removing teeth or abnormal tissue (oral surgery)
 - anesthesia
 - treating infection and pain (endodontic services)
 - treating gum conditions and diseases (periodontal services)

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program Eligibility

- 65+
- Resident of Ontario
- Meet the income requirements:
 - annual net income of \$22,200 or less for a single senior,
 - a combined annual net income of \$37,100 or less for a couple.
- Have no other form of dental benefit, including private insurance or dental coverage under another government program such as: Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program or non-insured Health Benefits.
- Income is verified using SIN.

How to apply

- Apply online at **seniors.accerta.ca**, print and complete consent form and mail it in within 30 days.
- **Application can be picked up at the Health Unit to be completed and mailed in:**

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program
Station P, P.O. Box 159
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 2S7

Application Details

- **If the application is approved**, they will receive a welcome package and dental card in the mail that will expire on July 31st.
- They **must present their card** to their dental provider (MLHU) **at each visit** to receive services under the program.
- Every year, eligibility will be automatically verified for most clients to confirm enrolment for the next benefit period.
- Clients will be notified by mail if they are eligible to keep participating in the program, or about how to re-apply to the program, if required.
- Clients must reapply if:
 - they applied using a guarantor
 - they do not file taxes for the most recent tax years that your eligibility is being determined

Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO)

- **How do clients (<17 years of age) become eligible for HSO coverage?**
 - HSO core eligibility (financial criteria)
 - Emergency and Essential Services Stream Eligibility (HSO - EESS)
 - Preventive Services Only Stream Eligibility (HSO - PSO)



HSO Criteria

- 17 years of age or younger
- Permanent Ontario resident
- Family must fall below a predetermined adjusted family net income amount according to number of children in family 17 years of age or younger
- Automatic re-enrollment provided that family remains below family net income requirement

Number of dependent children in your household	Family net income
1 child	\$24,930 or lower
2 children	\$26,817 or lower
3 children	\$28,703 or lower
4 children	\$30,589 or lower
5 children	\$32,475 or lower
6 children	\$34,362 or lower
7 children	\$36,248 or lower
8 children	\$38,134 or lower
9 children	\$40,020 or lower
10 or more children	\$41,907 or lower. Add \$1,886 for each additional dependent child to determine the income level at which your family would qualify for Healthy Smiles Ontario.

HSO Coverage Period

- Benefit year is August 1st of the current year to July 31st of the following year.
- Up to their 18th birthday. If the child turns 18 during the benefit year, they're no longer eligible.
- If the child is in the program for Emergency or Essential care, they are covered for 12 months from the date of enrolment. Clients receiving Emergency or Essential care must re-enroll after 12 months.
- To apply, call the Health Unit at 519-663-5317 (ask for Oral Health) or visit **ontario.ca/healthysmiles**



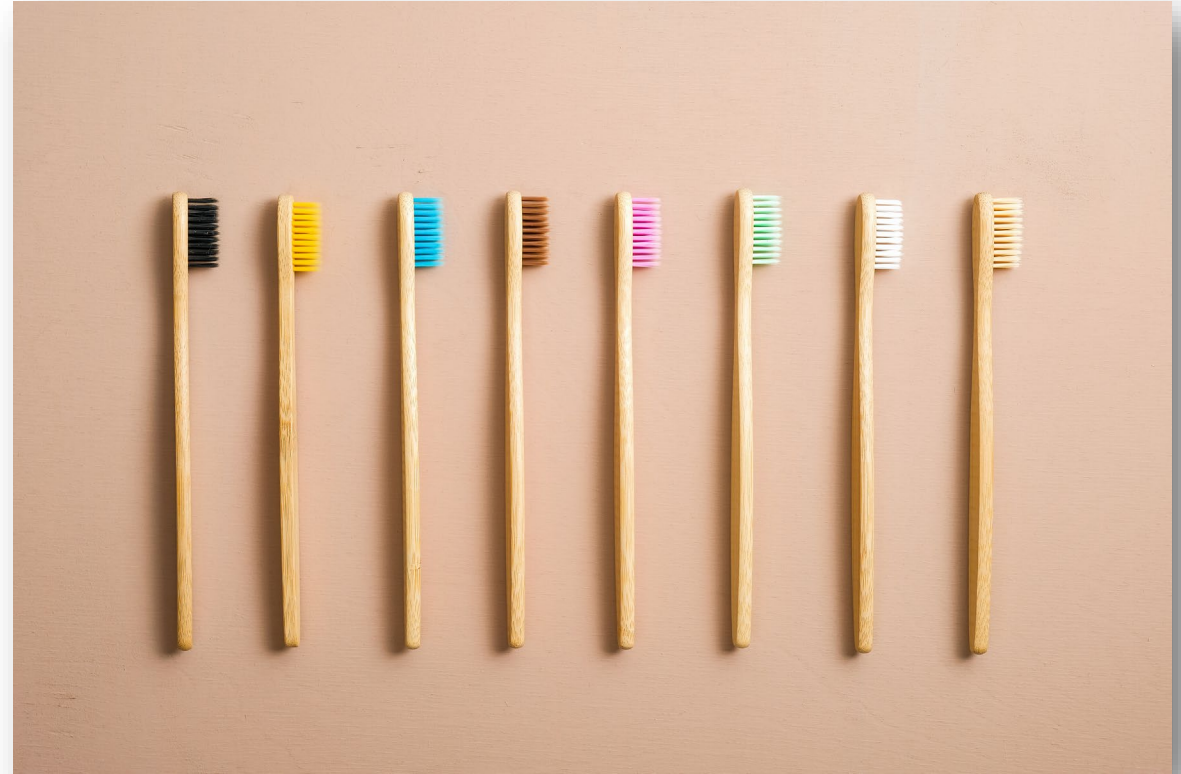
Dental Services at MLHU

- Citi Plaza Clinic
- The Wright Clinic
- Strathroy Clinic
(future)**

OSDCP

Dental Screenings (HSO-EESS)

Preventive Services(HSO-PSO)



Questions?

- Ask using chat function now, or after the webinar at:
healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca
- For urgent matters please call the Health Unit's main line at **519-663-5317**
- For more information
www.healthunit.com/healthcare-providers

