

MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT NO. 08-25

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health
FROM: Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 08-25 re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for December” for information.

The following report highlights the activities of the Medical Officer of Health for the period of November 29, 2024 – January 9, 2025.

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.

The Medical Officer of Health also participated in the following meetings:

Public Health Excellence– *These meeting(s) reflect the MOH’s work regarding public health threats and issues; population health measures; the use of health status data; evidence-informed decision making; and the delivery of mandated and locally needed public health services as measured by accountability indicators*

- December 2** Chaired an internal planning meeting with regards to the Middlesex-London Community Drug and Alcohol Committee.
- December 3** Chaired an internal planning meeting with regards to forming the Middlesex-London Health System Emergency Management Table.
- December 4** Co-Chaired the Middlesex-London Community Drug and Alcohol Committee Meeting.

- December 5** Attended the inaugural meeting of the internal School Health Coordination Committee.
- December 9** Attended the inaugural meeting of the internal Substance Use Coordination Committee.
- December 12** Participated in an internal meeting regarding the City of London Mobility Master Plan.
- December 16** Participated in a meeting regarding tobacco enforcement, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.
- Participated in a call regarding H5 influenza, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.

Community Engagement, Partner Relations, and System Leadership – *These meeting(s) reflect the MOH's representation of the Health Unit in the community and engagement with local, provincial and national stakeholders both in health and community arenas, along with engagements with local media.*

- December 2** Attended a Ministry of Health update meeting facilitated by the Ministry of Health.
- December 3** Attended the Middlesex-London Ontario Health Team Governance Sub-Committee Meeting.
- December 4** With Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health, Darrell Jutzi, Manager, Municipal and Community Health Promotion, and Anita Cramp, Manager, School Health, met with representatives of Thames Valley District School Board to discuss changes to the Middlesex-London Health Unit's programming in schools.
- December 5** Participated in the City of London Whole of Community Response, Health and Homelessness Strategy and Accountability Table meeting.
- December 6** With Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health, attended a tour of the London Food Bank.
- December 9** Participated in an introductory call with Marnie MacKinnon, Director for Quality and Quality Improvement, Public Health Ontario.
- Participated in a call with Dr. Azim Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, Niagara Region Public Health, regarding key performance indicators.
- Participated in a "The Ontario Public Health Conference" (TOPHC) Planning Committee meeting.

Interview with Reta Ismail, CTV News, regarding “walking pneumonia” in Middlesex-London.

December 10 Attended the inaugural meeting of Middlesex County Council.

Participated in the December Public Health Sector Coordination Table, facilitated by the Ministry of Health.

December 12 Participated in a TOPHC Planning Committee meeting.

Interview with Mike Stubbs, Global TV/980 CFPL, regarding whooping cough respiratory season vaccinations.

With Jennifer Proulx, Director, Family and Community Health, Darrell Jutzi, Manager, Municipal and Community Health Promotion, and Anita Cramp, Manager, School Health, met with representatives of London District Catholic School Board to discuss changes to the Middlesex-London Health Unit’s programming in schools.

December 13 Participated in a call with Dr. Michael Finkelstein, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health, regarding health promotion.

December 16 Participated in the County of Middlesex’s 2024 Emergency Management meeting.

Attended the monthly meeting of the Southwestern Ontario Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health.

December 19 Participated in a call with Dr. Mehdi Aloosh, Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

Participated in an introductory call with Member of Parliament Lianne Rood.

Met with Sean Warren, London InterCommunity Health Centre.

January 7 Meeting with Director of Education at Conseil scolaire Viamonde to discuss changes to school health program.

January 8 Meeting with Maritia Gully, Director, Population and Public Health Assessment at Island Health to discuss community engagement tracking.

Employee Engagement and Teaching – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH creates a positive work environment, engages with employees, and supports employee education, leadership development, mentorship, graduate student teaching, medical students or resident teaching activities.*

December 11 Attended the Staff Day Celebration.

December 18 Met with a medical student to provide mentorship.

January 6 Greeting new employees to the Health Unit at orientation.

January 8 Met with a medical student to provide mentorship.

Organizational Excellence – *These meeting(s) reflect on how the MOH is ensuring the optimal performance of the organization, including prudent management of human and financial resources, effective business processes, responsive risk management and good governance.*

December 4 Attended the December Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting.

December 12 Attended the December Board of Health meeting.

December 19 Chaired a meeting to finalize the business impact assessment for continuity of operations planning.

Attended the quarterly meeting with the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA).

Attended the monthly touch base meeting with the Board of Health Chair.

January 7 With the Chief Executive Officer, met with members of the Public Health Foundations and Strategy, Planning and Performance Team to discuss the strategic plan.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.



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This report refers to the following principle(s) set out in Policy G-490, Appendix A:

- The Good Governance and Management Practices Domain as outlined in the [Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability](#).

This topic has been reviewed to be in alignment with goals under the Middlesex-London Health Unit's [Anti-Black Racism Plan](#) and [Taking Action for Reconciliation](#), specifically the Governance and Leadership (ABRP) section.