



TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health

DATE: 2022 June 16

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MAY

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health receive Report No. 41-22, re: “Medical Officer of Health Activity Report for May” for information.

The following report presents activities of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH) for the period of May 6, 2022 – June 2, 2022. As of June 2, the formal Minister of Health’s appointment of Dr. Alexander Summers as Medical Officer of Health is pending.

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 extensively participates in external and internal pandemic-related 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 attended the following meetings:

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

- May 6** Interview with Jane Sims (London Free Press) on fourth doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- May 9** Participated in Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Working Group on Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Hub.
Attended meeting with Regional HIV/AIDS Connection (RHAC) on the needle syringe program.
- May 10** Attended City of London Emergency Control Group meeting.
- May 11** Received an award from the London Health Sciences (LHSC) Department of Family Medicine for recognition to a Family Physician.
- May 12** Participated in Middlesex Municipal Day in Thorndale hosted by the Municipality of Thames Centre.
- May 16** Met with Councillor John Fyfe-Millar on COVID-19 and community matters.
Attended Southwest Medical Officers of Health meeting, hosted by Lambton Public Health Unit.

- May 19** Met with Dr. Liz Urbantke (Ministry of Health) on infectious disease concerns and opioid use.
Interview with Mike Stubbs (980 CFPL) on the arrival of monkeypox in Canada.
- May 25** Lectured students at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry (Western University) on “Fundamentals of Immunization”.
Interview with Andrew Graham (980 CFPL) on the lifting on states of emergency.
- May 26** Attended Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry’s Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics Retreat.
Participated in Temporary Overdose Prevention Site (446 York St) Community Liaison meeting.
- May 27** Toured Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry’s new Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics office.
- May 30** Participated in roundtable discussion with the Chief Executive Officer for the City of London’s Strategic Plan.
- May 31** Attended Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Coordination call.

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:*

- May 3** Attended Health Unit Clinic Physicians’ meeting
- May 4** Participated in employee workshop on “Crucial Conversations”.
- May 10** Attended MLHU Leadership Team meeting.
- May 11** Participated in employee workshop on “Crucial Conversations”.
- May 13** Attended Office of the Medical Officer of Health (OMOH) division management meeting.
- May 31** Attended Population Health, Assessment and Surveillance (PHAS) team meeting.

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:*

- May 9** Attended Board of Health Agenda Review and Executive meeting with the Chief Executive Officer.
- May 19** Attended Board of Health meeting.

June 2 Attended Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

This report was prepared by the Medical Officer of Health.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander T. Summers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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