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Subject: FYI - BD Antigen Test HC Authorization

Hi Sabina and Kathryn:

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. We have not yet been in touch regarding Becton Dickenson, but I thought it would be pertinent to bring to your attention a news item regarding the company's COVID-19 antigen test authorization. As you probably know, the company is in advanced discussions with PSPC regarding a product order. On Friday, the company received authorization of their COVID-19 antigen test, and this information has been posted on Health Canada's website <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/medical-devices/authorized/list.html>.

We wanted to let you know that BD **will not announce this news now**, and wait to announce the authorization and order together. Just in case your Minister receives questions regarding the authorization, we wanted to bring this to your attention. We have alerted Minister Anand's office as well.

At another time, we can provide an introductory briefing to the company, and all the work they are doing to support Canada's needs in our COVID-19 response! BD is a global medical supply company. With respect to COVID-19 response in Canada, the company has had a productive partnership with PSPC and PHAC to date, in supplying [syringes and ancillary materials](#) to support Canada's COVID-19 vaccine program. BD's molecular tests are also supporting Canada's labs in response to the pandemic, among other products. More information regarding BD's solutions for COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.bd.com/en-us/support/bd-response-plan-on-covid-19>.

BD's Canadian headquarters are located in Mississauga. The company has a diagnostics manufacturing facility located in Quebec.

If you have any questions, concerns etc let me know.

Thanks! Dani



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