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Team,

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Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) continues to work tirelessly to procure the PPE and medical supplies our frontline health care workers need, as well as to give frontline federal employees access to these supplies. As we are preparing to head into the next phase of Canada's response to the pandemic, more and more Canadians are returning to the workplace. We know that the companies and organizations providing essential services across the country will need an ever-growing amount of PPE and medical supplies.

Given the intense pressure on the supply chains for these crucial supplies due to the pandemic, **Minister Anand announced yesterday that our government has set up an Essential Services Contingency Reserve (ESCR).**

- The Essential Services Contingency Reserve (ESCR) was set up as a reactive measure to provide an emergency safety net for access to personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as items such as non-medical masks and disinfectants, on a cost-recovery basis if other sources of supply are unavailable.
- On July 16, 2020, the Prime Minister announced a federal investment of more than \$19 billion to help the provinces and territories safely restart their economies and make our country more resilient to possible future waves of the virus. As part of the Safe Restart Agreement, the Government of Canada will invest \$4.5 billion to purchase PPE for essential workers across the country. Part of this amount will go to setting up the ESCR.
- Our absolute priority has been, and continues to be, the procurement of equipment and supplies for our front-line health care workers. The ESCR adds to the support currently available in the form of PPE for front-line health care workers made available by the PHAC, as well as the provinces and territories.
- We understand that the pandemic has exerted considerable pressure on the supply chains for these essential items, and that it has revealed the need for new supplies. In response, we created the ESCR to help protect the health and safety of Canadians and to avoid the imminent risk of a major disruption in access to essential services.
- The ESCR will come into effect on August 3, 2020, and will be available to essential services organizations that have exhausted all other sources of supply and that have been unable to procure the supplies they need to avoid the imminent disruption of their ability to provide essential services.

- Inventories include KN95 masks, surgical masks, reusable non-medical fabric face coverings, disposable non-medical face coverings, gowns, face shields, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and gloves. The list of products available and a price list will be made available to eligible organizations on request.
- Organizations and businesses that urgently need PPE in the short term and that meet the eligibility criteria can request supplies online. The Emergency Reserve adds to the support currently available in the form of PPE for frontline health care workers made available by the PHAC, as well as the provinces and territories. Requests for support from the ESCR must be for essential services. They must be submitted by organizations facing an imminent shortage of PPE and other essential supplies that could cause a significant disruption in services to Canadians.
- Further information about the ESCR is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/escr.html>.

As we enter the next phase in Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our government is committed to ensuring the safe restart of our economy, protecting the health and safety of Canadians and minimizing any disruptions to essential services such as transportation, food processing and public service infrastructure that are essential to economic recovery.

Minister Anand's social media accounts:

Twitter

EN <https://twitter.com/AnitaOakville/status/1285649025031700480?s=20>

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