

RE: APPROVAL (by 2pm): Updated comms products - Vaccine Task Force

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All the content is fine.

I suppose the only thing with the announcement is that the task force's work seems to be completed, as in there are not any other vaccine candidates under consideration? Does the pose a worry, e.g. VBI or are conversations progressing with all of the vaccine firms in the background?

From: Stewart, Iain
Sent: July 28, 2020 11:06 AM
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Subject: Re: APPROVAL (by 2pm): Updated comms products - Vaccine Task Force

We can leave housed

All sounds good to go

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Sultana, Kelsey
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Stewart, Iain; Lisk, David
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Iain/Dave – attached are the updated VTF announcement products.

Iain, these documents have not changed much since the last round of reviews. I have nothing to highlight/flag in the News Release or Speech – they are very consistent with the last versions.

The SBK document (special backgrounder) we've seen before as well; It's quite long so Sofie (Comms) has kindly highlighted in **Grey** any content relating to the NRC or VTF that has not changed and highlighted in **Blue** any content relating to the NRC or VTF that has changed. One thing to flag – on page 12 (Q5) it says that the "VTF secretariat is supported by and housed at the NRC" – I recommend we remove the "housed at" – supported by is sufficient and consistent with the other communication products.

Kelsey

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Subject: PO FOR INFO: Updated comms products - Vaccine Task Force
Importance: High

Hi Kelsey,

Please find attached, for PO's awareness, the updated comms products for the upcoming Vaccine Task Force announcement. These are reviewed and approved by Roger and Christine. **ISED would like them back by COB today** – would you be able to provide any feedback or flag any concerns by 2 pm?

The latest on this announcement:

- Still tracking for second week of August, with no change in approach following Minister Hajdu's and Dr. Tam's remarks mentioning the VTF last week
- The announcements bundle is expected to include:
 - VTF members
 - The Therapeutics Task Force
 - The first two contribution agreements to be set up in line with the VTF's recommendations (Medicago and VBI, last I heard)
 - A Supercluster vaccine announcement (Immunovaccine Technologies, whose project is supported by NGen, NRC IRAP, and ACOA – IRAP comms is aware for the IRAP angle)

ABOUT THE PRODUCTS:

I've attached clean copies of each product. I did a parallel read between these versions and the previous versions we reviewed and sent back. The speech (SP) and news release (NR) are quite consistent and nothing regarding the VTF has changed appreciably. VTF mentions are highlighted in blue.

In the Special Backgrounder (SBK), there is a new QA on international vaccine candidates (Q4, page 11). Because the SBK is so long, I've highlighted in grey all mentions of the NRC or the VTF that have not changed since last review, and kept in blue what has changed so you don't have to read through everything again. There is also a new section in the SBK on the Therapeutics Task Force which includes some VTF mentions.

Give me a shout if you have any questions or concerns about these products.

Thanks, and sorry for the rush!

Sofie

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