

**PM speaking notes for August 21st 3M announcement  
21 August 2020**

Hello everyone.

Bonjour à tous.

Thank you Premier Ford.

It's great to be here with you, as well as Minister Anand.

We're also joined by provincial Ministers Clark and Fedeli,  
the president of 3M Canada Penny Wise, and of course,  
Mayor Baker of Brockville.

[Pause]

Right from the start of this crisis, our government has worked closely with the provinces and territories to get Canadians the support they need.

Fighting COVID-19 is a Team Canada effort, and since March, we have shipped out millions of pieces of personal protective equipment to our provincial and territorial partners.

Whether it's hospital gowns, gloves, face shields, or masks, we're working around the clock to help our essential workers.

At the same time, we've also invested in production here at home.

Earlier this summer, we announced a contract with General Motors to produce 10 million face masks at their plant in Oshawa, items that are already rolling off the line.

Not only does this create good, middle-class jobs, it also helps us ensure that we have the capacity to make whatever we need in our own communities.

And on that front, we have even more good news to share today.

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Today, I can announce that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have reached an agreement with 3M Canada to expand their facility, and make N95 respirators right here in Brockville.

The federal government will support 3M's capital investment by contributing just over \$23 million, and the Government of Ontario is doing the same.

Once it's up and running, this plant will deliver 25 million N95 respirators each year to the federal government, and another 25 million to the province of Ontario.

As Minister Bains has said before, this is a part of our 'Made-in-Canada Project' to find solutions to COVID-19.

This will keep our frontline workers safe, and secure domestic PPE production right here at home.

This facility will come online starting early next year.

[Pause]

Today, I can announce that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have reached an agreement in principle with 3M Canada to expand their plant and manufacture N95 respirators here in Brockville.

Our governments will support 3M's capital investment with just over \$23 million each.

Once operational, the plant will manufacture and deliver 25 million N95 respirators annually for the federal government and 25 million for the Province of Ontario.

I want to be clear: This is a long-term investment to implement a Canadian solution to COVID-19.



Our goal is to ensure the national production of personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of Canadians across the country.

We also want to make sure that we have N95 respirators available if we ever face another public health crisis in the years to come.

The plant is expected to be operational early next year.

[Pause]

Before we get to questions, I want to take a moment to thank Premier Ford for his collaboration on this project.

Today's announcement is yet another example of the important progress we can make by working together.

[Pause]

Together, we are making the necessary investments to protect the lives of our front-line workers in Ontario and across Canada.

We will continue to work with the provinces and territories in order to provide Canadians with the support they need in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you.