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Good afternoon,

Here's the transcript from the minister's interview with CTV Two Windsor yesterday.

Thanks,
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HEADLINE: Local businesses concerned over lack of PPE

SIJIA LIU (ANNOUNCER): Who needs to wear personal protective equipment and who should supply it? Those are the issues many businesses re-opening are facing. Here's Chris Campbell with more on what local businesses are saying.

GHADA JACOBS (OWNER): No one's even worrying about toilet paper anymore, now it's like gloves and masks.

CHRIS CAMPBELL (REPORTER): It's day one of the new normal for businesses that are re-opening.

HAGOP ANTOYAN (OWNER): We're all kind of fighting the same thing together.

CAMPBELL: The return to work after a two month forced hiatus is being met with both excitement and anxiety according to shopkeepers as demand for PPE remains high and the products are difficult to find.

ANTOYAN: Everything's been difficult. I don't think there's one part of this that's been easy to get our hands on.

JACOBS: Mine has been actually just been ordered from Wolfhead, all their hand sanitizer so we'll have more of that coming in. Like I said, if we can get more masks then I'd be glad to provide them to our customers.

CAMPBELL: Many stores have signs on their doors with a list of new shopping requirements that insist on masks, sanitizer, or gloves.

ANTOYAN: Everybody's trying to fight for the same things.

CAMPBELL: At Antoyan Jewellers in Tecumseh, wearing a face mask used to mean trouble so now, out of an abundance of caution, face masks go on after you pass the first door.

ANTOYAN: A face mask prior to coming in, we -- for security reasons, we don't want them on but definitely when you walk in, hundred percent, we're for it and feel comfortable to put it on just for security reasons in our industry, it's a little different.

CAMPBELL: A few doors down at Jacob's Boutique, customers must bring their own face masks since keeping a constant disposable supply seems to be near impossible for small business owners.

JACOBS: This is the best we can do. We're gonna see how it works out and hopefully, we can get back to some normalcy.

ANTOYAN: I've been to many places and nobody has it in stock.

CAMPBELL: Earlier this month, Public Services and Procurement Minister Anita Anand said Canada's ability to get PPE out of China has improved and that the feds continue to develop a stable supply of needed personal protective equipment.

ANITA ANAND (PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT MINISTER): So this is a team effort, we are all working towards making sure that as we go back to work, as we roll out through the next phases of this crisis, that we have the personal protective equipment that Canadians need.

CAMPBELL: Chris Campbell, CTV News.

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