

## Lockington, Elliott (SPAC/PSPC)

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**From:** Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Sent:** March 19, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Subject:** RE: Questions

Public Services and Procurement is leading the consolidated purchase of required emergency supplies and services based on assessments conducted by PHAC in close consultation with federal partners, provinces and territories. PSPC has stood-up a dedicated team of procurement specialists who are implementing flexible and innovative procurement approaches to meet Canada's needs in an expedited manner. To ensure that we are effectively identifying potential avenues for purchasing, our procurement approach includes a call to suppliers who may be able to provide products and services to meet current and future needs. We are ensuring that providers have a clear pathway to supply goods and services that may be of use.

Note (language from PHAC): For security reasons, the Public Health Agency of Canada does not disclose specifics related to National Emergency Strategic Stockpile holdings.

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**From:** Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Sent:** March 19, 2020 11:26 AM  
**To:** Laycock, Tristan (SPAC/PSPC) <tristan.laycock@canada.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Questions

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Pascuzzo, Matt (HC/SC)" <[matt.pascuzzo@canada.ca](mailto:matt.pascuzzo@canada.ca)>  
**Date:** March 19, 2020 at 10:53:29 AM EDT  
**To:** "Valois, Jeff" <[Jeff.Valois@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Jeff.Valois@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Questions

I don't want to be 'that guy', but is there anyway the liaisons can pass this link along to MPs: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

It has the most up to date info in terms of number of cases, latest public health advice and guidance on mass gatherings. Happy to provide answers to inquiring MPs, but they may very well find the answer they're looking for on that web page.

1. The number of cases is evolving rapidly. I don't think we are really designating 'hot spots' but it's fair to say that some cities (I.e. Vancouver and Toronto) are feeling it more than other cities. Same with local health authorities..In terms of hospitalization (also on the website), 11% of cases have been hospitalized.
2. We have general guidance on the website about mass gatherings and provinces and municipalities can go even further if they wish depending on the situation in their respective areas.
3. We are funding research into covid vaccines and Minister Hajdu announced the expedited approval of two new covid tests yesterday. I have no idea what kind of drugs could be repurposed for a novel virus...
4. Stockpiling was already done and we are sending as many supplies to provinces and territories as possible. We asked provinces to send us their wish list and we are getting back to them as soon as we can. PSPC might have more.

Matt Pascuzzo

On Mar 19, 2020, at 10:09 AM, Valois, Jeff <[Jeff.Valois@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Jeff.Valois@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Not sure whose question this is (might be Kirsty's).

Health, can you take a crack at the first three questions? Maybe they are better served for the 4:30 call?

The fourth is a joint health/PSPC lead, right?

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**From:** Duncan, Kirsty - Personal <sup>P</sup>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Valois, Jeff <[Jeff.Valois@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Jeff.Valois@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Questions

Dear Jeff,

How quickly are cases doubling; what are the hot spots; of the known cases, what percentage are hospitalized and for how long; impact on local health authority, if any; and is there geographic spread from hot spots?

How can we ensure consistency in terms of measures across the country — post-secondary institutions (where 1000s of students gather in dorms), mass gatherings, etc?

If we cannot flatten the curve, we will have to increase healthcare capacity and protect the frontline healthcare workers. To that point, are there repurposed drugs that might be used to protect healthcare workers — and can clinical trials be done? Is there a rapid triage test that will predict who is likely to become severe and should be hospitalized VS someone who can be sent home?

What does the stockpile look like? Do we have enough testing kits, ventilators, etc. How quickly can supplies be deployed?

Kirsty