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**Subject:** For MO approval: Media response LEAD: DMPB / Tier 1 - COVID-19: Procurement and shipment of PPE / CTV National News (Parliamentary Bureau)

Hi Cecely, Emily,

For MO approval, please. New info.

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### Media response

**CTV National News (Parliamentary Bureau)**

**Macyshon, Jill (CTV National News (Parliamentary Bureau))**

**Date call received: April-13-20 at 13:40**

**Deadline: April-13-20 at 17:00 ([still wants info](#))**

Tier 1 - COVID-19: Procurement and shipment of PPE

**CONTEXT** (for your information): The reporter is looking for an update on procurement of PPE.

She is doing a report tonight. She was informed we may not be able to meet her deadline. She will include us in her story otherwise she will go without us.

Health Canada has been notified.

### QUESTIONS / RESPONSES:

**Q1. What can Canada be expecting in the coming days? The next 24 hours? From where?**

**Q2. Has Canada been able to source its own regular supply of PPE in China now, as reported by other media?**

The Government of Canada is collaborating with provinces and territories on an ongoing basis to identify their needs and purchase required equipment, supplies, and services to combat COVID-19.

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is taking an aggressive approach to buying—especially when it comes to PPE for frontline healthcare workers. This includes:

- Ordering ahead in bulk on behalf of provinces and territories
- Supplement by proactively ordering additional quantities in anticipation of needs;
- Ramping up the domestic manufacturing capacity, through the Plan to Mobilize Industry to fight COVID-19, being led by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

This is over and above the efforts provinces and territories are taking to secure their own supply.

By working directly with both new and existing suppliers and manufacturers, mobilizing Canadian industry and ensuring that suppliers have a clear pathway to supply goods and services that may be of use in response to COVID-19, we have placed orders and received millions of PPE supplies

including masks, gloves and gowns. This includes engaging suppliers through the more than 22,000 submissions received to our call-out to suppliers at BuyandSell.gc.ca.

As much as possible, we are trying to secure supplies from Canadian manufacturers so we can get them into the hands of front-line workers faster.

To date, we've placed orders for millions of key items, such as masks, tests, and ventilators, and we have established agreements with Canadian companies that are stepping up to support Canada's efforts to combat COVID-19. This includes Fluid Energy in Calgary, Alberta to produce hand sanitizer. **We expect to begin receiving weekly shipments of thousands of liters of hand sanitizer from Fluid Energy, starting this week.** This also includes Medicom in Montreal, to scale up domestic production of masks.

We will continue to work with all available suppliers who have the capacity to respond to Canada's needs.

With regard to shipments from China, the Government of Canada has secured on the ground support, including an agreement with Bolloré Logistics Canada Inc. to provide transportation, receiving, storage services and customs clearances. This will be an ongoing process as orders are ready to be shipped to Canada. In addition, we continue to work closely with Global Affairs Canada and embassy and consular officials on the ground in China to help navigate the current, complex supply chain environment.

**We have had a number of flights so far from Shanghai to Canada and we are scheduling additional flights on an ongoing bases.** It is important to note that all deliveries are quality tested by PHAC once received in Canada before they are allocated and distributed.

The Government of Canada is working with provinces and territories to provide assistance in shipping supplies by air from China. Orders for provinces and territories may also be included on these flights.