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Subject: Media Notice / Level 1 - COVID-19 Tests Abbott ID Now / Agence QMI

The following media query has been identified as **Level 1**.

The Communications Sector will work with your group to prepare the first draft of the response. Any new information that has not received prior approval must be identified in purple.

Highest level of approval required: MO

Media response approved by program ADM due at 2:00 p.m. on October 6, 2020

Media notice

Agence QMI

Daoust-Braun, Sarah (Agence QMI)

Date call received: October 5, 2020 at 6:20 p.m.

Deadline: October 7, 2020 at 5 :00 p.m. (firm)

Level 1 – Abbott ID Now COVID-19 Tests

BACKGROUND: The journalist has questions about the Abbott ID Now tests. Canada has purchased 7.9 million of these tests. She mentions that, according to our site, we are at the laboratory and point-of-care testing stage.

She read the [Global News](#) article indicating that 2.5 million tests should arrive by the end of December, with the balance to follow in early 2021.

She clearly stated that she wants the answers by Wednesday at the latest.

STATEMENT OF VALUES:

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS :

1- Is the information reported by Global News still accurate? When will the first Abbott ID NOW tests arrive in the country?

2- Is there a possibility that you will receive some tests next week or in the following weeks?