

## FOR INFORMATION (DMO & MISI): COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force media call round-up - October 5, 2020

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Good evening,

FYI (DMO & MISI) – NRC's COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force media call round-up.

Bonne soirée!

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Good evening,

Please find below an update to the Vaccine Task Force media call round-up.

We received no media interview or enquiry today.

**CBC Radio Maritime Noon (Pending)**

Ms. Langley will participate in a 50-minute phone-in interview on the quest to develop a COVID-19 vaccine. The interview is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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[A COVID vaccine has entered Canada's authorization process. What happens now?](#)

**iPolitics – Charlie Pinkerton – 2020-10-02**

Health Canada has announced that AstraZeneca will be the first company to propose that its vaccine will be authorized. All of Canada's agreements have been made based on the advice of the VTF.

[Canada is reviewing its first COVID-19 vaccine application. Here's what that means](#)

**Toronto Star – Alex Boyd – 2020-10-02**

Health Canada is reviewing its first vaccine candidate application by AstraZeneca. Dr. Joanne Langley states that a company's submission is typically enormous as it includes all the data that's been acquired on the vaccine.

[Alberta researcher shares Nobel prize for hepatitis C virus discovery](#)

**Canadian Press (published in National Post) – Bob Weber – 2020-10-05**

British-born scientist and University of Alberta researcher Michael Houghton is one of three recipients of the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology for the discovery of the hepatitis C virus.

Mr. Tyrell is quoted in the article: "It's the first Nobel for a medical researcher at a Canadian institution since Frederick Banting won in 1923 for the discovery of insulin. Canada is so very proud to have their second (medical) Nobel Prize winner. We've waited a long time."

[Dr. Mona Nemer reappointed as federal chief science advisor](#)

**The Logic – Murad Hemmadi – 2020-10-01**

Dr. Mona Nemer will also continue as one of the five leaders of the COVID-19 Immunity Task Force. She also serves as an ex-officio member of the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force.

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**Q107 - Ronald Labonte, Katrina Plamondon, Mira Johri and Srinivas Murthy – 2020-10-04**

Experts weigh in on how Canada is to cooperate in protecting the world's populations and how it benefits Canada itself.

[Yet Another Vaccine Challenge: Distributing It Around the World](#)

**Bloomberg – James Paton – 2020-10-05**

The article discusses the challenges facing pharmaceutical companies and health official to distribute the eventual vaccine against COVID-19.

[Fewer Canadians want COVID vaccination as soon as it's available: poll](#)

**North Bay Nugget – Bryan Passifiume – 2020-10-02**

A new survey by Angus Reid reveals that a number of Canadians eager to line up to get a vaccine against COVID-19 is on the decline.

Have a nice evening,

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