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Subject: Procurement Call - May 3

Hi team,

Please see below for a summary of tonight's call:

PSPC – regular update:

- **Preliminary test results from first 500k Tango masks indicate that they have failed (82% failure rate in total thus far)**
 - o Putting a pause in place on this contract & on further shipments from this supplier
 - o Officials will carefully go through the test results with the contractor & make sure this is resolved properly
- Focus is on 3M masks – a lot of diff players offering these masks, need to make sure they check out
 - o **Working on a transaction in the UK for 3M masks; looking to have as many as 20 million masks this week**
- Work being undertaken on the ground in China with Deloitte & some of our suppliers to make sure we're moving towards NIOSH masks
- Expecting some shipments from China this week from four diff suppliers – would total 4 million N95 masks coming in this week that are not from Tango
 - o These would be the first N95 masks that we receive from non-Tango suppliers in China

PSPC – logistics:

- **New declaration from the Chinese gov in the last 48 hours that all temporary cargo flights from one of the terminals in Shanghai would be suspended temporarily**
- Will need to become a permanent operator of Cargo out of China
- Officials are still exploring flight alternatives from Shanghai
- **RFP on Buy & Sell for the selection of a second logistics company in China to increase capacity & to be able to operate out of a second airport will go live tmrw**
 - o **This will be part of our diversification strategy**
- Will be issuing an **LOI for additional capacity for FAC in Canada as well to deal with sea shipments into Vancouver to beef up capacity in Canada to deal with bigger orders**
- Are the Zoll ventilators still on track?
 - o Yes, should arrive on time

PHAC update:

- **Gowns produced by domestic suppliers will start to be distributed to P/Ts from the warehouse as of tmrw (170k)**
- A lot of the Tango N95 masks can be used as surgical masks, however there are choices to be made from a contractual / cost perspective
- **82% failure rate in terms of testing of Tango masks thus far**
 - o Looking into getting a third party to test these masks to make sure our own tests were 100% accurate
- **Note that KN95s are not being used as N95s by the P/Ts at the moment – they're being used as surgicals or they're being stockpiled until there is an emergency**

- Officials are in talks with 3M about another potential fed shipment out of the U.S.
- Sterilizers are being installed to sanitize N95s
 - o DM Fox indicated that P/Ts want the right supply of sterilizers & that this will be discussed on a P/T call tomorrow
 - o 5 units that have been approved by HC to sterilize masks & two are already in wide use in Canada, with over 500 already installed

Update – Spartan test kits

- April 11 authorization provided after Spartan was able to demonstrate that they were meeting the safety & efficacy requirements that we required
 - o They had laboratory testing of the device that demonstrated its effectiveness
- **We gave them authorization but we knew that before the devices would be used in medical settings, that they would go through additional steps via NML and provincial labs**
- On April 26 – FACs NML gave us the first prelim results of their studies – they said the devices were working as expected and that they **could be moved to a clinical setting**
- On Monday aft. – evidence suggested there were issues & that they came from the swab
- New conditions imposed on May 2 – these have been communicated to the company & their website has been updated accordingly
- 5500 tests had been distributed
 - o Spartan confirmed in writing that they were with AHS, QC Laval, province of ON & the Public Health Agency
 - o Spartan says that these parties have been contacted
- **Q: Is there a scenario where they'd use a diff swab?**
 - o Need to use their swab that fits into their cartridge
- **Q: What are the implications of the delay of a Spartan product?**
 - o Spartan now has to plan on how they're going to recall, replace the swab etc.
 - o They can't sell them for any kind of use though
- Intention was to provide these swabs to places where low throughput is needed such as remote communities – however, there is another point of care test which can still be used in such circumstances that officials are working on
- **Q: Confirmation from Spartan that none of the 5500 tests were used in a diagnostic type of setting?**
 - o They have indicated that to us, but not in writing – expect this will come soon

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