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From: Stickney, Matt
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 8:25 PM
To: Zimmerman, Shannon
Cc: Saini, Sabina (HC/SC); Travers, Patrick; Broadhurst, Jeremy; Clow, Brian; Theis, Rick; Church, Leslie (SPAC/PSPC); Garneau, Vincent; Telford, Katie
Subject: Re: URGENT - Medical Swabs

Pspc is getting us the latest info on their chats with Puritan but based on the timing (tomorrow being Easter Sunday) and shortages coming mid next week. I think we have to act quickly.

Ambassador Hillman has asked for the latest info on Puritan and other supplier possibilities in America before doing any outreach.

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On Apr 11, 2020, at 7:34 PM, Zimmerman, Shannon <Shannon.Zimmerman@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi all,

Minister Freeland thinks a call to Puritan, prior to calling the White House, could be a good idea to see if they'd be willing to provide a shipment for our urgent needs. And if that doesn't work, we could escalate.

Is there comfort with that?

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On Apr 11, 2020, at 7:04 PM, Saini, Sabina (HC/SC) <sabina.saini@canada.ca> wrote:

Just to note - the normal gold star swab producers are Copan (Italy) and Puritan (USA), but neither are taking immediate orders is what we are told.

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On Apr 11, 2020, at 6:48 PM, Saini, Sabina (HC/SC) <sabina.saini@canada.ca> wrote:

Thanks Matt. The situation is indeed urgent because of the contaminated swabs, so all suggestions and options are welcome. I am just grateful for the help!

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On Apr 11, 2020, at 6:43 PM, Stickney, Matt
<Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Team,

Just off our nightly procurement with a flag on swabs. We will be at a crisis point in MB, AB and QC by Tuesday because of a shortage and the contaminated order that recently arrived from China (you heard about it in TStar yesterday) sets us back.

PHAC/Health are looking at multiple options of procuring through traditional means, making them in Canada and 3D printing but we are concerned that they won't fill this gap.

After talking to Patrick, we think that making an ask to an ally at this time may help us bridge the gap. There are four countries we suggest reaching out to see if they can help us ASAP. I note that swabs are in high demand, but not in the same category as masks, gloves, ventilators, etc. So help is a possibility. They are:

- 1) USA – they manufacture them in the country, could get them very quickly
- 2) Germany – one of the highest testing rates per capita and strong relationship via FPC
- 3) S. Korea – high testing rates, may produce, it's unclear
- 4) UAE – Also high testing rates, but may not have the amount we need

We think a reasonable number to ask for is 250k.

Do we want to jump on a call tonight? If not, are folks generally okay with pursuing?

Division of labour could go:

USA – DPMO
Germany – Patrick to FPC's office
Korea – Patrick via FPC's office

UAE - ?

Let me know your thoughts.

Matt

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