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From: Kim, Sabrina
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Stickney, Matt; Travers, Patrick
Subject: Fwd: Donation of masks for Korean War Veterans from the Gov't of South Korea

FYI - the Gov of South Korea is donating 35k masks to Korean War vets in Canada who are currently in long term care homes. They've done this with 22 other countries.

The South Korean embassy received the masks today.

In terms of distribution - VAC has a list of Korean War vets across the country who are currently in LTC homes (there aren't many) and the South Korean embassy will also help w their own lists. I will get some more details on distribution.

I've also asked Qs about whether or not the masks will be tested and what kind of masks they are. Wouldn't want to facilitate the distribution of masks to vets in LTC homes that could potentially be faulty.

VAC was initially hoping to do an NR to express their thanks. They are fine with just doing light social media and a zoom call between their minister and the ambassador to say thx. Champagne's MinO is fine with the latter approach. HC MinO wasn't aware this was a thing but raised no concerns aside from the Qs I asked. There's also an event that's planned for Thursday w the Ambassador, VAC DM and a representative from the Korean War Vets association. Seems fine.

Do you have any thoughts or flags or Qs? 😊

Thanks!
Sabrina

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kim, Sabrina" <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Date: May 19, 2020 at 4:28:56 PM EDT
To: "Tojiboeva, Muna" <Muna.Tojiboeva@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Cc: "McNeill, Cameron (VAC/ACC)" <cameron.mcneill@canada.ca>, "Henstock, Bradley (VAC/ACC)" <bradley.henstock@canada.ca>
Subject: Re: Donation of masks for Korean War Veterans from the Gov't of South Korea

Two questions:

- 1) are these non-medical masks? ie face coverings? Or are they surgical masks?
- 2) are the masks going to be tested by Health Canada prior to distribution if they are not face coverings and indeed surgical masks?

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On May 19, 2020, at 2:56 PM, Tojiboeva, Muna <Muna.Tojiboeva@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

Thanks, adding Sabrina

From: McNeill, Cameron (VAC/ACC) <cameron.mcneill@canada.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Tojiboeva, Muna <Muna.Tojiboeva@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
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FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Embury, John (VAC/ACC)" <john.embury@canada.ca>
Date: May 19, 2020 at 2:42:58 PM EDT
To: "MacKendrick, Andrew" <Andrew.MacKendrick@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Trogen, Emily" <Emily.Trogen@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Jordan Deagle (jordan.deagle@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)" <jordan.deagle@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>, "Wellstead, Alex" <Alex.Wellstead@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Cc: "McNeill, Cameron (VAC/ACC)" <cameron.mcneill@canada.ca>, "Henstock, Bradley (VAC/ACC)" <bradley.henstock@canada.ca>
Subject: Donation of masks for Korean War Veterans from the Gov't of South Korea

Hi there,

South Korea is donating 35,000 masks to Canadian Veterans of the Korean War to show their appreciation of the 25,000 Canadians who served there. They are giving masks to Veterans in 22 countries.

VAC is now the lead for GoC on this – had been GAC.

The masks arrived in Canada on the 15th and the South Korean Embassy got them today

The Embassy looking at holding a small event on Thursday at the Embassy w/ ambassador, VAC's DM and representative from the Korean Veterans Association . I should have a scenario later today.

We are looking at setting up a Zoom call for Min MacAulay with the Ambassador to thank him.

Attached is a draft NR, but I'm told PCO has said we should be social media only, because everything around masks has been low-key. I'm okay with it either way.

VAC has a list of long-term care facilities across the country where there are Korean War Vets (there aren't many). The Korean Veteran Association will also help the embassy by using their membership lists

Let me know if you have questions about this or concerns around timing.

John