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Good afternoon,

Earlier this afternoon, Health Canada authorized a second rapid antigen test, the BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) Veritor. The handheld device is intended for use by trained healthcare professionals and can process one sample, collected via nasal swab, every 20 minutes.

It is intended for use in individuals suspected of COVID-19 infection within the first five days of symptoms. It is a point of care test.

PSPC has a draft contract for 7.6 million tests, 2.1 million by the end of 2020 and the rest in the first Q1 2021. It is also procuring 600 analyzers by the end of 2020, with an option for another 2,152 devices in Q1 2021. The memo is with Minister Anand and tracking for a decision Tuesday.

Health Canada's website will be update to reflect the authorization, a formal announcement won't be made until the procurement is confirmed.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

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