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Subject: RE: Matt - PPE stories in da news today

NP!

I believe the answer is that PHAC issues interim guidance, informed by frontline healthcare workers, on when a healthcare provider needs to wear an N95 mask, and then it is up to each P/T to provide instruction on the use of specific PPE, including N95s.

But HC says they are waiting on their DPol for approval that this is the case so I am not 100% sure that is accurate.

High level response can probably just be – *we make decisions based on science, evidence and in consultation with our frontline healthcare workers. This is the case with appropriate N95 mask usage. We are doing everything that we can to acquire PPE, including N95s, and that is what we'll continue to do etc.*

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That N95 story is interesting.... Thank for doing this.

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Hello!

Here are some PPE / supplies flags for your awareness for today:

1) **Trump administration pushing to rip global supply chains from China: officials**

Piece in Reuters which says that POTUS is looking to remove global industrial supply chains from China, as it weight new tariffs to “punish Beijing” for its handling of COVID. US commerce dept is apparently looking at ways to push companies to move both sourcing & manufacturing out of China, including via tax incentives and potential re-shoring subsidies. Goes on to say that the US gov is working with Australia, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and Vietnam to “move the global economy forward,” and that these discussions include “how they restructure supply chains to prevent something like this from ever happening again.” Apparently Latin America may play a role too.

2) **Who needs a mask? N95 advice called too lax for health-care workers**

There is a very long piece in TStar this morning which says that public health agencies have said that N95s aren't necessary for routine care of patients during COVID, which is a policy that contracts with advice given in other countries. Piece asks if the shortage of PPE influenced Canada's decision to hold back on aggressive protective protocols for health-care workers that other countries have adopted.

3) **Poll shows less than half of Canadians wear masks or gloves when out in public**

Piece in the Globe this morning which says that only half of Cdns wear PPE when they go outside.

4) **Guidance document** on Risk-Informed Decision-Making for Workplaces and Businesses went live on Saturday evening; haven't rly seen any wide scale coverage.

5) The voluntary recall of Spartan test kits continues to garner coverage as it is regarded as a setback to Canada's ability to conduct wide-scale testing.

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