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Good afternoon,

Tonight, Health Canada will authorize the first rapid antigen test, the Abbott Panbio test kit. The decision will be posted on Health Canada's website tomorrow.

PSPC has secured 8.5 million Panbio tests for delivery by the end of this year with the option for 12 million the in first quarter of 2021.

Comms planning is checking if Minister Hajdu will mention this at the noon press conference tomorrow.

The Abbott Panbio uses a proprietary nasopharyngeal swab and doesn't need to be processed in a lab. Tests however, must be performed a trained healthcare professional. The test has been approved in the EU and has not yet been approved by the United States.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

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