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Hi all,

Political side in Ontario has flagged the below questions that they want answers to. You'll note that they're still discussing their own procurement on masks and Spartan. My assumption is that we should be telling them this should be part of Ontario's bulk buys with the Federal government and to not go off on their own. Want to give a chance for people to weigh in.

1. We're looking for clarity on the final Health Canada approval for Spartan Bio testing kits so that we can proceed with procuring these kits.
2. We're also looking for clarity on PPE production for manufactures here in Ontario. As we look to produce masks in Ontario (i.e. Woodbridge), it's unlikely they will be able to manufacturer exact N95. They're developing a uniquely engineered product that's currently being tested that could be at N95 grade equivalent or better however. Key question for Health Canada is whether they can shift their approach and approve based on **equivalent function** as opposed to just **brand**. (i.e. N95s are branded, Woodbridge are 'generic', but could do the same job). Alternatively, they could be clearer that N95s are only needed for frontline medical workers and streamline other types that are appropriate for non-medical frontline, essential workers, general population etc.)