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Hi – Matt convened a daily procurement call with DMs & Chiefs from PSPC, HC and ISED, and DPMO and Chris Fox.

It's pretty operational in nature & gives us updates on what we need to solve for immediately to get personal protective equipment & other medical supplies moving to p/ts.

I'm doing readouts given all the things folks are tracking & how much this touches on fed-prov issues / other files. Matt suggested it'd be good to share far & wide within our office, so let me know if you want to get these regularly (otherwise I'll just flip & highlight relevant stuff on the days that something major comes up & touches on your file).

Thanks!
Sabrina

Supplies Call Readout – March 27

Tracking:

- HC: Ongoing work to produce reagents domestically in Canada to reduce test result wait times (pressures / shortages w ON & AB in particular)
- PSPC: Large N95 mask order is leaving China on Monday & set to arrive in Canada on Tuesday
- PSPC: PSPC is bringing in rapid point of care testing kits so HC can validate them – if successful, we can start to use them
- PSPC: Large ventilator delivery (220 units) tracking for early April
- HC: The National Microbiology Lab is working to validate other types of swabs so we're not heavily reliant on one type in case there are major supply shortages
 - o This includes potentially validating wooden tongue depressors
- ISED: 5 Letters of Intent going out the door today between ISED and Canadian manufacturers
 - o 2 on gowns, 2 on hand sanitizer, 1 on testing kits
- Can/U.S.: Ongoing convos with GM about whether their production work in the U.S. can be replicated here
- ISED: Launching efforts to engage w distillers across the country for domestic hand sanitizer production

Outstanding / pressing:

- Need to see a forecast of deliveries coming in & match that up with what we actually need
- Need a definition of non-medical grade uses from PHAC / HC

1) PSPC UPDATE

N95 MASKS

- 3 million N95 masks are leaving Shanghai on Monday, here on Tuesday
- PHAC working with Amazon & delivery partners on an allocation & delivery framework
- Amazon has offered to store our N95 mask orders in their warehouse if ours become overwhelmed

- **Q: When we're in receipt of our large N95 mask order – will PHAC need to certify them to make sure they're a certain quality before we ship them out to p/ts? Need to get these out quickly**
 - o No – PSPC's orders are pre-vetted and with reliable suppliers
 - o Only donations require an assessment on their quality and specs
- **Some folks are raising concerns about counterfeit masks but at the fed level, we're dealing with authorized re-sellers so no difficulty there**

SURGICAL MASKS

- Order for 127 million – and 16 million are coming in April
 - o We have frontloaded as much as possible – and **we are paying for air travel and delivery of the masks so they get here ASAP**
- BYR – willing to provide dedicated production line for masks
 - o Unclear if this meets medical grade – but we scooped up a large size of this anyway – can have other uses
 - o Placed an order for 50 million masks & several million litres of hand sanitizer

Side note

- **Q: When we get things that aren't medical grade – where do they go?**
 - o Goes into our warehouse – there is a system where we know what is being donated and by who
 - o **Non-medical grade uses still need to be defined before we can provide**
 - o Need to assess what we have – hope is that we can then take pics & potentially share w Amazon (this is not definite though) and then they could post online for folks
 - o We *could* then tell Amazon who we want as account holders (IE municipalities) who will then have access to different levels of stock
 - o **PMO – let's come back to allocation & accounts on the next call**
 - o Convo with Red Cross yesterday. They will be able to donate – once they ship, we'll do an assessment and put them online if we can.

SWABS / TEST KITS

- Priority has been to access to swabs
- **Focus is getting reagents to labs too given test result timing gaps & pressures from provinces**
 - o Receiving the recipe for reagents so we can manufacture reagents here in Canada.
- In terms of rapid point of care testing – we are bringing in kits from elsewhere (with help of PSPC) so we can validate them in Canada, then we can get them out.
- **Ontario received their reagents this morning (there were some concerns / backlogs / they were one day late)**
 - o **This is enough for them to use for a few more days – then they will need more**
 - o Clarification: 2,000 of reagents = capacity for 2,000 individual tests

GLOVES

- A lot of the Chinese manufacturers are now establishing catalogues
- We have an order coming from Malaysia

VENTILATORS

- Bought 1570 ventilators – expecting 220 in April
 - o Other ones are further out
- 500 GE ventilators will come end of May from the U.S. (earliest possible time)
- Recently bought 500 ventilators from Thornhill as well (Canadian supplier)

GOWNS

- A lot of companies have come forward saying they have technologies to sterilize gowns

2) ISED UPDATE

- 5 more LOIs with Cdn companies going out the door today
 - o Two on gowns, two on hand sanitizer, one on testing kits
- **Significant work being done to manufacture vaccines & antivirals**

- Identified equipment in BC – company has agreed to hold on that stuff so we may have line of sight into a vaccine ability now
- ISED launching an effort to engage with all of the distillers across the country with respect to production of alcohol and merry them with hand sanitizer production efforts
- **There are some convos with GM about whether what they're doing in the U.S. can be replicated in Canada, although there is some pushback**

Thanks!

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