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**From:** Kim, Sabrina  
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**To:** Stickney, Matt  
**Subject:** RE: PPE issues in da news

Here are a few more stories (although just given how large today's biz announcement is, I'm not sure these things will feature prominently in the news and/or come up!):

### **Amid COVID-19, cargo container shortage sparked fears of product shortages in Canada**

<https://www.infomedia.gc.ca/hc-sc/en/2020/05/11/227673174>

I think this was to be expected & that the messaging is strong & the same (cause we can say we have flights coming from China essentially every day etc.) but there's a piece in CBC which says that as COVID brought activity at some points to a halt, there was fear that this could lead to a shortage of cargo containers & leave store shelves bare. It says everything from food, medical supplies and electronics are moved this way.

It says normally when a container arrives, its cargo is offloaded, then the empty container is loaded up with new goods and sent on to its next destination but if something impedes this cycle, it can result in a container shortage.

It says: "Outside Canada, some places have had container shortages. In New York, Boston, Bangladesh and Italy, cargo containers were stuck at ports for weeks, which meant some shippers were struggling to find containers to make sure they could get their goods out."

It also says, however, that Canada has moved fairly well throughout the pandemic, and credits people such as seafarers running the cargo ships, longshoremen loading or unloading ships, and truckers and rail workers who ultimately take goods to their final destination for the success.

### **COVID-19 testing, contact tracing key to fending off second wave, experts say**

<https://nationalpost.com/pmnl/news-pmnl/canada-news-pmnl/covid-19-testing-contact-tracing-key-to-fending-off-second-wave-experts-say>

Also, there is a long piece in CP which says that testing & contact tracing will be key to fending off a second COVID wave according to experts (which isn't rly new).

### **Nurses being told to reuse masks at Manitoba hospitals, says union**

<https://www.infomedia.gc.ca/hc-sc/en/2020/05/11/227673719>

Also, there's a piece in CBC Manitoba on how nurses are being told to reuse masks at MB hospitals which is making folks feel uncomfortable. It's all about the provincial guidelines though, and it is quite local / has come up before, so not sure this will be the focus today but question could be "do you think it is safe to reuse PPE? why are you saying that you've been able to satisfy provincial requests when clearly there are major problems & shortages still?"

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We are receiving a PPE donation from China (PPE) today and will tweet our thanks via the relevant embassy (which is the same thing that we did with the Taiwan donation) but I do not believe that is happening before the PM presser.

this was raised on the issues brief.

HC will be issuing a public advisory on how they've issued a voluntary recall of certain KN95s manufactured in China that are known to have failed FDA and PHAC testing. HC DComms & PCO still haven't confirmed timing of release. I said the most important thing is to know if this will go pre-presser or post-presser but they haven't gotten back yet.

^ this was raised on the issues brief too.

Certain schools in QC are resuming today. There is a piece in French media (Journal de Montreal) which says that some of the schools still haven't gotten the PPE that the QC gov promised them.

^ I think we can deflect to the QC gov on that one, and say we're having convos about how we can support essential workers' PPE needs going forward.

Let me know if you need anything else!

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