

Kim, Sabrina

From: Kim, Sabrina
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Raynolds, Marlo (EC); Stickney, Matt; Theis, Rick; Gordon2, Travis (HC/SC)
Subject: Environment Canada deploying supplies requested by local govts & public health officials

Thank you! Adding Matt, Rick and Travis from HC.

In short – Environment Canada is collecting and deploying supplies requested by local governments & public health officials. They are also mobilizing equipment ranging from respirators to mobile lab units.

To date, ECCC has deployed the following equipment to places like SK Police Services & the Michael Garron hospital in T.O.:

- 2000 swabs
- 275 boxes of gloves
- 240 N95 (and other) masks
- 300 boxes of wipes
- 200 Tyvek suits
- along with lab coats, lab gowns, sleeve covers and more

Marlo – if possible, could you or someone on your team ask officials to make sure they're coordinating with PHAC directly on supply allocation & distribution? Unclear which health authorities ECCC is working with but PHAC is probably the best point of contact because they allocate supplies from the national stockpile based off where the most urgent needs are. They have direct line of sight into what is in the national stockpile & into which provinces need what & how urgently those provinces need it.

If ECCC is working with local health authorities & local governments only – there is a risk they're not working with the folks who have the best line of sight into what the national picture looks like.

Just want to make sure ECCC is sending, for ex, their N95 masks & ventilators to the areas that need them the most. 😊

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Kim, Sabrina <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: INFO: ECCC deployment of critical equipment for COVID-19

Turns out I did get copied on an email about this but missed it.

My bad.

Please excuse short responses and typos - sent from handheld

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hogan, Christine (EC)" <christine.hogan@canada.ca>
Date: April 1, 2020 at 12:01:31 PM EDT
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Subject: INFO: ECCC deployment of critical equipment for COVID-19

Minister,

We wanted to share a bit of positive news in terms of the ECCC effort to support the COVID-19 response.

As you may recall, last week the Prime Minister called on the academic community to contribute expertise and critical equipment for public health officials and front line responders. Yesterday, he announced new partnerships with industry to increase Canada's ability to respond to the outbreak with necessary medical equipment and supplies. Canada's Chief Science Advisor, Dr. Mona Nemer, also extended a call to key science-based departments to engage and target support at the local level with available supplies and timely and relevant help on-the-ground. ECCC has mobilized teams from across the department and across the country to quickly inventory and accelerate deployments of supplies and is preparing to support with the broad range of expertise of ECCC employees. Our Science and Technology Branch under Nancy's leadership has led the coordination of this effort within the Department.

From Vancouver to Moncton, Yellowknife to Toronto, we are collecting and deploying gloves, masks, face shields, and other critical supplies requested by public health officials and local governments. We are also preparing for potential future needs to respond to the pandemic, mobilizing equipment ranging from respirators to mobile lab units. The department started to deploy equipment into communities on March 19 and is continuing its efforts to make a difference in communities across the country. We have contributed to organizations ranging from the BC Centre for Disease Control to the Saskatoon Police Services to the Michael Garron Hospital in Toronto. To date, ECCC has deployed:

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In addition, this afternoon, the department will be deploying equipment to Charles-Le Moyne Hospital in Montreal. A timely delivery following Premier Legault's message yesterday regarding the low supply of equipment across Quebec. We are also preparing a potential deployment in Vancouver. Looking ahead, PHAC has asked us to be on stand-by to receive a request for expertise, potentially ranging from data entry support to modelling/high performance computing. As you know, we have already made some of our staff available to PCO and PHAC/HC to support the broader effort.

While these are indeed difficult times, ECCC staff are working hard and creatively to contribute to the broader Government of Canada effort. We would be happy to provide you further details and will keep you up to date on status of deployments.

Kind regards,
Christine and Martine

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