

## Lockington, Elliott (SPAC/PSPC)

---

**From:** MacKnight, Aisling (HC/SC)  
**Sent:** April 1, 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** Khalil, Samantha; Tojiboeva, Muna  
**Cc:** Saini, Sabina (HC/SC); Bélair, Thierry (HC/SC); Exton, Adam (HC/SC); Pascuzzo, Matt (HC/SC); Davidson, Cole (HC/SC)  
**Subject:** Health lines - April 1

Good morning,

Please see below for our lines.

### COVID-19 – MODELLING (NATIONAL POST)

- We have been honest with Canadians that this will last months.
- However, how long depends on how we all follow public health advice.
- Dr. Tam is continuously looking at Canada's response, and will keep making as much data available as possible.

### COVID-19 – HELPING VULNERABLE CANADIANS

- COVID-19 is having a major impact on Canadians, including children and youth.
- With school closures and reduced access to community resources, Kids Help Phone is experiencing increased demand for its crisis support services.
- We are providing **Kids Help Phone** with **\$7.5 million** so they can address increased demand to support young Canadians' mental health and well-being.
- If you are a young person in need of help, **we are there for you**. Services are available at **1-800-668-6868** or by texting **CONNECT to 686868**

*If pressed:*

- COVID-19 will have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable youth.
- This investment is an important first step in connecting Canadians across the country to the mental health resources they need.
- If you are a young person in need of help, **we are there for you**.
- Services are available at **1-800-668-6868** or by texting **CONNECT to 686868**

### COVID-19 – CRITICAL CASES

- We are seeing an increase in the number of critical cases of COVID-19 in Canada.
- While our healthcare professionals work to keep us safe, **everyone needs to do their part** to stop the spread of COVID-19:
  - **Stay at home**
  - If you must leave, **practice social distancing**
  - If you are sick, **do not go outside** and **isolate yourself from others in your home**
  - Wash your hands regularly and clean commonly-used surfaces
- **Now more than ever**, our individual actions **matter**. These coming days and weeks will determine how we **work together** to flatten the curve.

### COVID-19 – OUTBREAKS IN NURSING HOMES (*holding lines; updates to follow*)

- We are concerned by the outbreaks of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities. Our thoughts are with those who have lost a loved one.

- Ministers Hajdu and Schulte, as well as Dr. Tam, have spoken with provincial counterparts about these outbreaks, and have offered our support.
- We **all** have a role to play to stop the spread of COVID-19. If you are ill and have a loved one in a seniors home, **please do not visit**. Instead, we encourage you to connect with loved ones in care over the phone or internet.

*Lines on provinces' makeshift hospitals to follow*

Thanks,  
Ash

**Aisling MacKnight**  
Office of the Minister of Health | Cabinet de la Ministre de la Santé  
(613) 327-2803