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Question:

One of our government's key concerns in the pandemic is that we might run out of ventilators as happened in Northern Italy. That has not happened yet, but we are still far from herd immunity and we are expecting further waves. I don't think we will run out of ventilators however because we are developing local manufacturing capacity and I am proud to say the Thunder Bay Bombardier plant is now mass producing portable ventilators. Congratulations to the management and workers at the local plant, and O-two in Brampton, for making it happen.

Another big concern of mine as an ER doctor, and I know our government is having enough PPEs. I wanted to ask about what was happening with N95 masks. A recent meta-analysis published in the Lancet last week pretty clearly suggested that healthcare workers would be better off with N-95 masks. I know healthcare is primarily a provincial matter but what can the relevant Ministries tell me to reassure the healthcare workers that we are doing everything we can to get those masks and will have them?

Answer:

Canadian businesses of all sizes - right across the country - have truly stepped up to help protect Canadians. Since March, we have signed contracts with domestic manufacturers for ventilators, masks and respirators, face shields, medical gowns and many other essential products.

- Since the outset of the pandemic and the launch of Canada's Plan to Mobilize Industry, domestic manufacturing has ramped up significantly, and deliveries are underway.

While we are working closely with Canadian industry to build up domestic production, we have also been bringing in goods from international manufacturers to ensure Canada has the supplies it needs.

- Our government has been working collaboratively with provinces and territories to ensure that we can fulfill all request for PPE needed by our front-line workers, and we have so far distributed over 2.7 million N95s and hundreds of ventilators, along with millions of units of other critically important supplies.
- Our priority is making sure our frontline healthcare workers have what they need to stay safe, so they can continue the tireless work they're doing to keep Canadians safe.
- We are buying to meet our needs [today](#), [tomorrow](#) and well into the future as we prepare for the months ahead in order to be ready for any eventuality.

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