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**From:** Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** Wieler, Hannah (HC/SC)  
**Cc:** Lockington, Elliott (SPAC/PSPC); Exton, Adam (HC/SC); Kusnick, Chelsea (SPAC/PSPC)  
**Subject:** RE: Thanksgiving and Mixed Health Messaging from provinces

Thank you!!

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**From:** Wieler, Hannah (HC/SC)  
**Sent:** October 8, 2020 1:29 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Thanksgiving and Mixed Health Messaging from provinces

Hey!

Here's what we have on private clinics - apologies if the formatting is a bit off.

### PRIVATE CLINICS

- This is **unacceptable**.
- We expect all jurisdictions to respect our public health system. We will not tolerate jurisdictions creating a two-tier healthcare system.
- We will always defend Canadians' access to healthcare – especially now.

*If pressed:*

- Patient charges undermine equity.** Charging someone for a test goes against the values of our universal healthcare system.
- All Canadians deserve access to health care** when they need it, regardless of their ability or willingness to pay.
- The emergence of clinics that offer paid, preferential access to COVID-19 testing is cause for concern. My department is monitoring these reports closely.

*If pressed:*

- Testing is one of the most important tools we have to respond to COVID-19.
- We are constantly working with the provinces and territories to increase laboratory capacity **and** the number of tests done per day.
- We are working with the provinces and territories on their testing strategies to ensure that Canadians can get tested when they need it.

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- Payer pour être traité plus vite est **inacceptable**.
- On s'attend à ce que les principes de santé publique soient respectés partout.
- On défendra toujours l'accès aux soins de santé publics, et il ne peut pas y avoir de système de santé à deux vitesses.

### *Si on insiste:*

- Les frais facturés aux patients **nuisent à l'équité**. Faire payer un test à quelqu'un va à l'encontre des valeurs de notre système de santé.
- **Tous** les Canadiens méritent d'avoir accès aux soins de santé lorsqu'ils en ont besoin, quelle que soit leur capacité de payer.
- Santé Canada surveille la situation.

### *Si on insiste :*

- Les tests sont l'un des outils les plus importants qu'on a pour faire face à la COVID-19.
- On travaille avec les provinces et les territoires pour augmenter leurs capacités à tester.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2020, at 1:19 PM, Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <[cecely.roy@canada.ca](mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca)> wrote:

Thanks Hannah –

Do you guys have updated lines on private clinic testing that address the point on the informal inquiry?

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Hi Elliott,

These are our lines for Thanksgiving, but ultimately folks should be following guidance from their local health authorities since cases look really different across the country (e.g. Atlantic Bubble vs. Toronto).

#### **RESURGENCE – THANKSGIVING**

- In these uncertain times, Canadians have responded to our calls for action, making changes to their ways of life so we can work **together** to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- We have made progress, **but** we know there is still work to do.
- As the weather gets colder, we need to keep practicing the things that have kept us safe – physical distancing, frequent hand washing, and avoiding large or crowded gatherings
- I know that it's hard to be away from your loved ones. But by staying apart, you are keeping each other safe.

#### **FR**

- En ces temps incertains, les Canadiens ont répondu à nos appels à l'action, apportant des changements à leur mode de vie afin que nous puissions travailler **ensemble** pour arrêter la propagation du COVID-19
- Nous avons fait des progrès, **mais** nous savons qu'il y a encore du travail à faire.
- À mesure que le temps se refroidit, nous devons continuer à mettre en pratique les méthodes qui nous ont gardés en sécurité - distanciation physique, lavage fréquent des mains et éviter les grands rassemblements.
- Je sais qu'il est difficile d'être loin de ses proches. Mais en restant séparés, vous vous protégez mutuellement.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!

Hannah

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Hey guys,

Minister Anand is doing a local NCR press conference on NCC announcement on Friday.

I was wondering if you have any lines on families getting together over Thanksgiving or anything on provinces providing mixed messaging in case we get a media question on it.

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