

As discussed on last night's Intergovernmental and Health Deputy Ministers' call, Canada is exploring how to extend the use of personal protective equipment, through successful decontamination.

This approach has been successfully used in other countries, including the United States, for products such as N-95 masks. Consequently, we encourage jurisdictions to stop disposal of N95 masks, and instead set them aside as is currently being done in British Columbia.

We hope to provide you with an update on Canada's work in this area in the immediate future and would be interested in hearing from those jurisdictions who are considering a similar approach.

This is part of a broader multi-pronged strategy that includes direct acquisition, building domestic production capacity, and identifying potential alternatives and ways to extend product life.

Looking forward to our next meeting.

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