

## McKenna, Neil

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**Subject:** RE: QC to run out of certain meds in a week

FYI Legault repeated this in his presser today. He said there are medication shortages, that QC is running out of sedatives & that QC is looking for solutions with the fed gov.

He said OC is doing well on PPEs, with the exceptions of gowns, which he says they will run out of in a week's time but that QC will be in a position to produce its own gowns in one — two weeks' time.

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Adding Sam as well. It might be worthwhile to do similar check across country on who has higher stock of these and lower need, to see if we can do same as with AB on PPE.

On Apr 12, 2020, at 11:17 AM, Kim, Sabrina <[Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Hi there - FYI there is a piece in JDM that says QC is set to run out of approx 20 kinds of meds in a week, primarily those used for sedation. It also says chloroquine, HQ and Ativan are running low.

### AFTER A MASK SHORTAGE, NOW DRUGS

QUÉBEC I As feared, Quebec could deplete its stockpile of certain drugs, for sedation in particular, in about a week.

“We have a problem when it comes to medication”, Premier François Legault admitted yesterday at his daily press conference alongside Minister of Health, Danielle McCann, and the Director of Public Health, Dr. Horacio Arruda.

For twenty or so different drugs “we may have enough to last about a week”, says Legault, who prefers “to be transparent”.

### TALKS WITH OTTAWA

Talks with the federal government and the other provinces are currently under way to deal with the supply problems.

“Obviously there are substitutes for some drugs”, the premier noted.

“We are still in touch with our suppliers, but we are also negotiating with the federal government. There are some possibilities there”, Ms. McCann added.

As for stockpiles of masks and gowns, Legault was reassuring.

“Things are looking good for personal protective equipment; the situation is improving. We are getting help from some of the provinces, which I will not name, but... We will have a bit more to say on that in the coming days” Legault said.

#### CONCERN FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS

The fear of a drug shortage has been in the air for several days.

Minister McCann has expressed this concern over the past few weeks.

Our bureau reported over a week ago that a health establishment in the greater Montreal had issued a note expressing concern about supply problems for certain drugs, some as common as acetaminophen or Ativan.

Doctors are being asked to favour pills over syrups and injectable products.

It was also reported that chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, sometimes used to treat coronavirus patients, was already on back order.

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