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Hi,

Some initial information I have received below as well as messaging.

### Background:

PHAC increased the approval level to issue alerts from analyst to senior PHAC management. This change resulted in the network issuing "situation reports" as the approval level was still within the organization, and less alerts. Health believes this change occurred in the fall of 2018. From what Health can tell at this point there was no direction to stop issuing alerts, it just became more difficult so they switched to situation reports.

Sabina is speaking to the president of PHAC and will get back to me this morning with more info.

### Health Messaging:

- Public health intelligence is vital to identifying and monitoring outbreaks.
- From the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Global Public Health Intelligence Network (GPHIN) has been an important source of public health intelligence for PHAC
- In order to identify and monitor outbreaks effectively, PHAC has been updating the GPHIN to better collect and analyze data, using new technology.
- We are doing everything possible to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and keep Canadians safe.