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Hi,

Please see below for some notes from today's call. A few highlights:

Officials are expecting 37k gowns from Canada Goose & Calko group to come off the line this week. They're also expecting 50 vents from Zoll early May & another 150 units mid-May, as well as 20 vents from GE end of May / early June & another 480 end of August. They're also expecting vents to start coming off the line from domestic producers in 3-4 weeks (beyond the 3 from Thornhill), including between 80 – 120 vents from Thornhill late May / early June.

ISED's Innovation Solutions Canada challenge (which seeks to identify best bets on testing companies for rapid deployment in meeting our testing needs) closed on April 20. They issued LOIs to three companies yesterday. The hope was for this to be included in the PM's remarks tmrw but a few things need to be sorted out first, so will need to keep in our back pockets for now.

As previously mentioned, China has introduced stricter controls on PPEs exiting the country. We learned today that approx. 1m of Canada's surgical masks were held back by customs, but the expectation is that they'll be able to be loaded on a subsequent flight.

This weekend, officials are tracking to have 5 flights arrive over the weekend (4 Cargo, 1 AC). Canada's in a position to do one flight per day, with potential for more than one flight per day next week. At the same time, there are a lot of supplies in our warehouse in China that need to get back to Canada (among those supplies, we'll be prioritizing gowns & N95s), so our capacity to offer flight support to other jurisdictions is no longer there at this time.

There was also some discussion today about the work officials are doing on nucleic & serological testing. Details below – but in short – the FDA has approved 47 tests (39 nucleic, 8 serological). Among the 39 nucleic – Canada has approved 12, 6 are under review & 20 manufacturers were contacted and not interested in entering the Cdn market. Among the 8 serological – Canada is reviewing three of them. Officials also confirmed that HC's evidence bar is similar to that of the FDA's (in terms of the level of info required from companies).

### Notes:

#### **PSPC – regular update:**

- **Drug shortages**
  - o Working with HC on RFIs for drug supplies that are in short supply
  - o Process closed yesterday, working on results & analysis and will be working with HC on a strategy going forward on the drugs that are currently in short supply
- **Gowns**
  - o Forecasting 5, 250, 000 gowns this week from China



- Highly dependent on the manufacturers being able to secure their spots on flights over the weekend
- Canada Goose & Calko group – expecting supplies this week in the range of 37k gowns
- 170k gowns coming from China in May
- Ventilators – U.S.
  - Zoll: Expecting **50 units** from Zoll in & around May 4 and **150 units** in & around May 18
  - GE: Expecting 20 units end of May / early June, with remaining 480 end of August
- Ventilators – domestic
  - Domestic suppliers working with HC – putting together info for regulatory approval
  - Expecting Starfish application to HC this week, CAE next week, third late May, fourth (Art McDonald design) mid to late May
  - 3 – 4 weeks before we start seeing domestic producers delivering ventilators
  - Thornhill: b/w 80 to 120 vents ready late May / early June

#### PSPC update on logistics:

- Flight tonight delayed until 730am tomorrow morning – will have 950k N95 masks
  - Approx. 1m surgical masks supposed to be on the flight but were held back by customs, will be loaded on subsequent flight
- Due to large amounts of federal supplies in the warehouse needing to get to Canada – capacity is no longer there to offer flight support for other jurisdictions at this time
  - QC was informed at the official level and was understanding – they're looking at contracts where suppliers will help bring PPE back to Canada for them
- Contract with UPS signed tonight to divert some cargo through them over the weekend
  - Risks, as always, with new enterprise – but need to increase capacity
- Tracking for 5 flights over the weekend (4 cargo & one Air Canada)
- Will release an RFP in a few days for a logistics & broker solution to complement Bollore's work
- Ratcheting up capacity for flights at about one per day
  - May try for more than one flight per day next week

#### ISED update on testing:

- LOIs for the three testing companies via the Innovative Solutions challenge went out this morning
  - Have started engaging those companies to try to make sure we can accelerate effectively and connect them with various folks in the GoC to accelerate

#### HC update on testing:

- A lot of ongoing work in terms of making sure supply is there re: nucleic testing
- U.S. FDA has approved 47 tests – 39 nucleic & 8 serological
  - Among the 39 – Canada has approved 12, 6 under review, 20 manufacturers contacted & not interested in entering the Cdn market
  - Among the 7 serological tests – Canada has 3 under review
- Two tests approved by the FDA & HC that Canada approved first – Luminex (U.S. company with manufacturing in Canada) and Celgene (Korea)
- 2 / 15 nucleic based devices approved in Canada are point of care, other 13 are lab-based
- Technology around point of care serological tests not quite there yet, tech still in development
- Does HC require the same level of info from companies as the FDA?
  - Yes, very aligned with a similar evidence bar

Merci,  
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