

## Krizus, Astrid

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**From:** Ahmad, Cameron  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** Telford, Katie; Theis, Rick; Chin, Ben  
**Cc:** Krizus, Astrid  
**Subject:** RE: NML processing capacity

Adding Astrid.

This is what we have right now. We can add the more granular details is Policy is good with us confirming.

Beating this virus is a Team Canada effort, and we're here for Canadians right across the country.

We've created the COVID Testing Assistance Response Team, to quickly deploy across Canada.

Already, work is in progress to get this team out on assignment.

Federal lab space is also providing surge support to process tests, including for Ontario.

And on contact tracing, we have agreements in place with Ontario, Quebec, and Alberta, with more to come for other provinces and territories.

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**From:** Telford, Katie <Katie.Telford@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 10:38 AM  
**To:** Theis, Rick <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Ahmad, Cameron <Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Chin, Ben <Ben.Chin@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: NML processing capacity

Could he have a line today to point to this work happening? That he has directed to happen?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Surkes, Marci" <Marci.Surkes@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**Date:** October 5, 2020 at 10:09:48 AM EDT  
**To:** "PMO.F ExecutiveTeam / Équipe Executive F.CPM" <[PMO.F.ExecutiveTeam-EquipeExecutive.F.CPM@pco-bcp.gc.ca](mailto:PMO.F.ExecutiveTeam-EquipeExecutive.F.CPM@pco-bcp.gc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Theis, Rick" <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: NML processing capacity

Hi again,

This is the more granular breakdown of fed lab capacity we requested yesterday. Please see below in response to Rick's question.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Theis, Rick" <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**Date:** October 5, 2020 at 10:06:44 AM EDT  
**To:** "Surkes, Marci" <Marci.Surkes@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: NML processing capacity

This is work I asked for re expanded federal lab testing capacity.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Blanchard, Dominique" <Dominique.Blanchard@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Date:** October 5, 2020 at 10:00:40 AM EDT  
**To:** "Theis, Rick" <Rick.Theis@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Setlakwe, Lisa" <Lisa.Setlakwe@pco-bcp.gc.ca>, "Pham, Thao" <Thao.Pham@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** NML processing capacity

Hi Rick –

Re NML capacity, only Winnipeg is currently equipped & ready to process covid tests. The first wave of federal labs that are being brought on-line to support surge capacity are not all NML satellite labs:

- Moncton (DFO)
- Vancouver (ECCC)
- Ottawa/Fallowfield and Lethbridge (CFIA)
- Guelph & Winnipeg (NML)

Beyond Winnipeg, Guelph is most advanced in terms of the additional capacity - first round of training is done, equipment calibration and second round of training is being done this week. They will know at the end of this week how soon it will be fully operational. Fallowfield will likely be the next one on-line. They can't all move simultaneously as there are only so many trainers. (and obviously they want to be careful not to botch the standing-up process so as not to have bad results coming out of a federal lab)

Once on-line, each site could process 1,000 tests/day. That will be further boosted by robotics and automation, already on order and expected in Nov/Dec. HC also planning to move ahead with a second wave of sites asap.

As far as the other labs that are supporting ON's efforts to reduce its backlog, the NJ lab is 10K per day. They are checking on AB and NS.