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Subject: RE: Rapid test questions

Hello, following up to make sure someone saw this and that I indeed included the right people on the request ... deadline is 3PM and I know I sent quite a few questions, so just want to make sure! Thanks so much.

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Good morning!

I have a couple of follow up questions about rapid tests. I think there is overlap between Health and Procurement so I'm reaching out to both, but please let me know ASAP if I should be reaching out elsewhere.

My deadline is 3PM.

1. On rollout and delivery, I understand the PM has said they are expected in the "coming weeks" - is there any update to the specifics of how many weeks or months that could be?
2. On rollout and delivery, I understand Cole has said they will be distributed to provinces and territories as they are received, but can you shed any light on the hierarchy about how that rollout goes and which provinces/territories get the first shipments? Would more remote locations receive them first, or locations with higher case numbers?
3. On approval and use of rapid testing, can someone please explain what is going on with Hyris kit? According to HC's website the Bkit is approved, but the Bcube is not on any list of approval or development, and I understand the Bkit can't be used without the cube? Can you confirm if the full testing device has been approved, whether Canada has bought any or plans to, and whether it's in use anywhere?
4. On approval and use of rapid testing, similar questions about the Xpert Xpress (Cepheid) test – can you tell me the latest on whether it's in use anywhere in Canada, and whether the government has purchased any tests, or is in the process of doing so?

Thanks,
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