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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: N95 Masks- URGENT REQUEST

Good morning Tyler

Thank you for the follow up.

Please be advised that we registered all 4 of our organizations on the site at the beginning of August when it was launched.

Currently there are no N95 masks.

As you mentioned there are KN95 masks but to date we have been told by medical health professionals that these do not sufficiently protect our staff compared to the N95 masks.

However we are doing further exploration in this regard and will certainly order the KN95 masks if the medical direction changes.

For your information we have adequate supply of surgical masks which we are using.

Jo-Anne

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Good Afternoon Jo-Anne,

I'm sorry to hear there are not any N95 masks available on the supply hub. I've done some digging to seek more options for you.

I suggest you try applying to our Government's Essential Services Contingency Reserve (ESCR). The ESCR was introduced as a responsive measure to provide an emergency backstop for access to personal protective equipment. I've confirmed that the ESCR has KN95 respirators.

Organizations and businesses that urgently require access to a short-term supply of PPE and meet the eligibility criteria are able to apply online. Requests to access the ESCR must be in support of essential services, where an organization is facing shortages of PPE and other critical supplies, which poses a significant risk of disruption in service affecting Canadians

You can learn more about the ESCR and how to apply [via this link](#).

Hope this helps!

Tyler

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Good afternoon Mr Freeman

Thank you very much for your quick response to our inquiry in regard to N95 masks.

Please know that we greatly appreciate the work that your government and Minister have done in creating the Supply Hub.

Unfortunately there are no companies listed on the Supply Hub that provide N95 masks.

I am imploring you to please help LTC homes across the country with this problem.

My suggestion is that the federal government please work to find Canadian companies who are willing to manufacture the masks at a reasonable cost.

I thank you in advance for your assistance in this regard as we work together to protect our most vulnerable citizens during the COVID pandemic- our seniors.

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Good Afternoon Jo-Anne,

MP Lefebvre reached out to Minister Anand with your email. I am Minister Anand's Special Assistant for Ontario. Below I've described some resources I hope can help you.

Regarding your need for additional N95 masks, I first engaged the Health Minister's office on this to see what options we have—They confirmed that in order for PHAC to send masks your LTCF would need to make a request to the province who would then make a request to us federally. I'm told the provincial contact to make the initial request is Justine Hartley (Justine.Hartley@ontario.ca). That being said, I understand you've said the province isn't willing to send masks until there is an outbreak.

The Government of Canada has recognised that some organizations are struggling to obtain PPE while others are seeking to sell PPE. That's why we have set up the [Supply Hub](#). The supply hub has been set up as a resource to help connect organizations buying and selling PPE. I recommend you try using the Supply Hub to find suppliers of N95 masks.

On the Supply Hub you will find a link to the [Rapid Response Platform](#) which instantly connects a buyer seeking a particular type of PPE with organizations selling that particular type of PPE (In your case, N95s).

I sincerely hope these resources can help solve your urgent request. I am happy to make myself available at your convenience to speak further. Feel free to reach out to me at 873-354-8983.

Tyler

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Good afternoon Marc and Paul

As you are aware the spread of COVID has taken a turn for the worse in the past two days. As you know we have 20 new cases and two LTC homes are now in outbreak.

This is very concerning for our 4 organizations as we continue to be short of N95 masks. As of today we are short exactly **3 538** N95 masks.

We are unable to acquire these masks from any of our contacts. This includes the provincial government who will only give us masks if we go into an outbreak. I fear that by waiting that we are putting our vulnerable and frail seniors at risk.

I am imploring you to please help us!!!
Please contact me by email or on my cell phone at P [REDACTED] to discuss further.
I thank you in advance on behalf of our residents, patients and staff for your assistance in this regard.

Jo-Anne

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