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Sent: March 20, 2020 6:03 PM
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Subject: RE: Face Masks for Retirement Homes

Hi Nicole,

Thanks for your follow up. You can send your requests here: hc.covid19healthproducts-produitsdesante.sc@canada.ca. I have also copied Kylie Phillips, my counterpart for Western and Northern Canada at Health Canada. Here is a summary of the explanation I gave you on the phone.

As part of the announced \$1 billion COVID-19 Response Fund, **\$50 million** is going to the Public Health Agency of Canada to obtain supplies of personal protective equipment. This funding will support the purchase of equipment like surgical masks, face shields and gowns, and medical supplies to address federal needs and supplement stocks of the provinces and territories that require it. Collaborative and bulk purchase orders are **already underway** with a number of jurisdictions. This will be an ongoing process as the demand for and supply of products evolves. Federal, provincial and territorial governments continue to work together to identify priority items, collaborate on procurement, and assess potential shortfalls.

Best,

Madison Taipalus

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Hi Madison,

Thank you so much for your phone call!

EPS (Effective Pricing Solutions) is an alliance of independent living, assisted living and long-term care retirement communities and group homes for seniors across Canada, we currently have over 12,000 beds.

I'm contacting you because I read that the Federal Government had access to millions of N95 respirator masks and like most places, we are in need of some in our communities. Is there any way we could be placed on a list so we would acquire some of these when you decide to distribute them?

I understand this current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic is extremely difficult for many hospitals, care centres and homes throughout Canada, and I appreciate any help you can give.

I have included Daryl Doyle, our Director of Procurement in this email.

Take care.



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