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Subject: RE: Estimating PPE Need/Strategy

This is an important point and was discussed last week with Chiefs/PMO on a PPE call. There was discussion on various ways the federal government can play a role, since PSPC has never procured for the private sector as I understand it and Kathryn mentioned below. The Red Cross was mentioned as a possible delivery mechanism.

Adding Kelly and Jeremy – any update from cabinet yesterday on this?

Kathryn/Travis – let us know what the need is stemming from the labour unions discussion. We can mobilize industry for extra production capacity.

Thanks,
Celine

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Just to buttress Kathryn’s point (which is on-point) – the tool she linked will be updated imminently (likely today) with specific guidance on PPE decisions. But she is right – in the vast majority of cases it is very much not needed.

Additionally, I would just say that in the context of food businesses, they should already have PPE/Pathogen Reduction Measures in place as a matter of course for meeting food safety requirements. We have received some enquiries on this matter.

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Hi –
Yes we have also heard from Labour. PHAC has a table with labour unions to discuss guidance etc.

We have large orders in with PSPC for PPE. The global supply chains are pressed as you know because everyone is ordering the same things. Priority will still go to health care workers for obvious reasons. PSPC would also be procuring

for federal employees who require it – we are not procuring PPE on behalf on private business. They mostly don't need it.

We have a new risk assessment tool for business about what they should be doing.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/risk-informed-decision-making-workplaces-businesses-covid-19-pandemic.html>

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Hey Folks,

Not sure how the PPE procurement/distribution strategy is structured, but in addition to healthcare needs, is it also taking into consideration the needs for other essential work (and eventually other work that may be allowed again in the future)?

Hearing more and more about shortages of PPE as risks for labour shortages in the supply chain (see below info from our dept).

Best,

Aneil

Labour:

☑ 6 Active Refusals to Work are being investigated by Transport Canada. All are from Flight Attendants at Air Canada refusing work due to PPE.

Agriculture:

☑ Absenteeism is becoming increasingly prevalent throughout the processing sector. Agropur is reporting average absentee rates of 15% across its dairy facilities.

☑ Supplies of sanitation and PPE are running low amidst increased demand and enhanced safety measures, reports the Poultry Service Association. Absenteeism could worsen if workers perceive they are at risk from inadequate protection.

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