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**Subject:** FOR REVIEW - QA for Abbott ID Now Announcement

Hi team,

The department put together a QA for the Abbott announcement tomorrow – yay! (Attached)

But, I do still have some technical questions I am wondering if we would know in MINO or can engage Health mino on.. My questions include those below, which are also in the [Google doc](#) of the draft QA that I just shared with you. I'd also be happy to get questions added here that I haven't thought of.

Thanks,  
Cecely



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### **Health**

#### **(Minister Hajdu may not be at the presser)**

- 1. What is the distribution plan with these tests? Where are they targeted for, what will they be used for? Will they replace PCR testing?**
- 2. Where will they go - which jurisdictions – which PTs get these first?**
- 3. Who gets these? Testing centres, schools, airports, workplaces or individuals?**
- 4. Will the administration of these tests require additional testing sites to be set up as they have in NYC?**
- 5. Do they still need to be administered by a healthcare professional or can these work at home or in a work setting?**
- 6. Was the purchase of these tests made at the recommendation the Public Health Agency?**

**7. Given the FDA has voiced their concerns over the efficacy of this particular test, why is Canada purchasing it, particularly since it has not received HC approval?**

**Does one test = one person?**

**What is the percentage of efficacy?**

**Are you taking delivery of the kits and analyzers before they are approved?**

**What happens to your investment and the test kits if they aren't approved by HC?**

**Why have you only ordered 7.9 million?**

**Can we get more? If so, when?**

**Are you also looking at the Binax now test as well?**

**Why don't you have an agreement with Cepheid or Roche?**

**Are you looking to purchase the Hyris bCUBE given it has actually been approved by Health Canada?**

**What is happening with the other tests that Canada had previously procured?**

*(In addition to these rapid tests from Abbott, the Government of Canada has previously signed agreements for rapid tests, from Biomerieux (up to 699,750 tests) and InterMedico (1.2 million GeneExpert tests).)*