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Sent: May 15, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC); fitz-morris, James (SPAC/PSPC)
Subject: Update RE: Faulty PPE

Hi there,

Can you also tell me what the results were for the 1.6 million masks still being tested out of the 11 million that were received from the Montreal supplier?

Thanks,
Marieke



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From: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Walsh, Marieke <MWalsh@globeandmail.com>
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Subject: Re: Faulty PPE

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Hi Marieke,

Please see below our statement:

Our priority is making sure that we get safe, effective equipment and supplies into the hands of frontline healthcare workers as we face COVID-19. We are working with a range of suppliers and distributors, and we have strong processes in place to help ensure that the supplies we receive meet all necessary standards. In particular, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) conducts stringent testing of items such as masks before they go out to provinces and territories.

Recently, a significant portion of an order of N95 masks did not meet our standards for this mask type. Of the close to 11 million N95 masks received and tested from this supplier, approximately 8 million have not met our contractual specifications. Roughly 1 million masks have passed our standards, while another 1.6 million masks are pending results.

Further assessment of testing results is underway, but in the meantime we have suspended further shipments of N95 masks from this supplier. We can confirm that none of these masks that failed our standards were distributed by PHAC for medical use, however assessment is ongoing for other uses. Approximately 1.8 million masks thus far have been redirected for use by other organizations.

We have contracts in place with a variety of suppliers for N95 masks, with orders of approximately 135.5 million. To date, Canada has received 24 plane loads of PPE and medical supplies including more than 33 million surgical masks, with consistent deliveries continuing into the days and weeks ahead to meet both our short and long term needs. The large majority of the products received have met PHAC standards for use.

While we continue to receive significant shipments of PPE from international manufacturers, we are also putting in place Made-in-Canada solutions. We are receiving orders from domestic manufacturers for gowns, face shields and hand sanitizer among other products. This also includes our newly finalized agreement with Medicom, based in Pointe-Claire, Quebec, for the production of 20 million N95 respirator masks and 24 million surgical masks per year for the next ten years, starting this summer.

With regards to the webpage, the update was posted yesterday and as it indicates in the added new information section below the numbers table, a significant portion of an order of N95 masks that did not meet contractual specifications and therefore were not distributed to provinces and territories for medical use, are under assessment for other uses. Further assessment of testing results is also ongoing. Additionally, approximately 1.8 million masks thus far have been redirected for use by other organizations.

Thank you,
Cecely

On May 9, 2020, at 9:20 AM, Walsh, Marieke <MWalsh@globeandmail.com> wrote:

Hey guys

I've been tracking the website daily for updates on the PPE but it hasn't been updated while the CP story shows clearly it's now wrong. Can you please send me the info you sent CP and also explain why the website hasn't been updated ?

Thanks
Marieke

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