

Testing Strategies

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Jody and Jonathan,

Hello to you both. Jonathan, it has been a few years since we were attended many of the same meetings at PCO. As you are probably aware, we have been working with a number of federal departments, including DND and CAF, on testing strategies and have had excellent cooperation from Major-General Downes. As we look towards the fall we are working to prepare for a potential second wave. A central piece of this preparation is to ensure that we have the appropriate testing capacity to meet our current and future needs. As we are working with provinces and territories to assess their needs and planning to address them, we are also aiming to ensure that testing needs in areas under federal jurisdiction are also met. As a first step of this exercise, we are developing an inventory of federal government testing approaches and capabilities, which includes those of DND/CAF, CCG, ISC and CSC.

In this context, the Health Canada Testing Secretariat reached out to your organizations earlier this week to seek the following information:

- What is the responsibility/duty of care guiding your testing efforts (e.g. testing during/after ops, surveillance testing);
 - Is there an updated testing strategy/guidelines? If so, grateful if you can share;
 - Where does current capacity (staff, supplies and labs) come from (e.g. internal, private or provided by PTs); and
 - What is current capacity (e.g. number of tests per day)?
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We welcome your assistance to acquire the above information at your earliest convenience, which can be sent directly to Nancy Hamzawi, our lead ADM. We appreciate your continued collaboration in this broader exercise to prepare for a second wave and if you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,
Neil Yeates