

Federal Lead on Covid Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Strategy

July 6, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Overall Goal of the Position:

To lead the ongoing development and implementation of the Government of Canada's testing, contact tracing and data management strategy.

Key Results and Accountabilities:

- Mandated by the Clerk and reporting to the Deputy Minister of Health Canada and liaising with senior officials from the PHAC and other involved departments, including ISED, PSPC, Statistics Canada and others as needed.
- Develop and maintain a plan for ramping up testing capacity in close collaboration with provinces and territories.
- Working the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the National Microbiology Laboratory, develop a procurement plan to meet the testing plan.
- Support provinces and territories in contact tracing through use of portions of the federal workforce, including Health Canada and Statistics Canada staff.
- Develop and implement a plan to modernize public health data collection and management in the short, medium and longer term, with a particular emphasis on supporting provinces and territories in their immediate needs.
- Lead the development of the national exposure notification app.
- Develop and implement the testing and contact tracing component of the FPT Restart Agreements.

Specific Duties:

- Lead the Testing Secretariat in Health Canada.
- Provide regular briefings and updates to the Minister of Health, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on COVID, PCO (including the Clerk's Covid Management Board), PMO, Parliamentary Committees and others as may be required.
- Chair the Deputy Ministers' Coordination Group on Testing and Contact Tracing.
- Work directly with PHAC/NML and Health Canada staff on the various components of the strategy, who will be accountable to the Lead for the deliverables in the Testing Strategy.
- Work with PSPC on procurement and ISED on industry attraction/domestic supply chain capacity.
- Liaise and consult with other federal departments and agencies who have testing and contact tracing related responsibilities (e.g. Corrections, DND, Transport Canada, Natural Resources Canada).
- Liaise and consult with private sector representatives on the Testing Strategy.