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Looking into it!

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Hi there – just flagging that Alberta’s lead on procurement today said that AB healthcare workers have not only been having challenges with masks from Vanch, but also with masks from Pri-Med that are being made by a secondary manufacturer (Pri-Med 186771).

Folks said that the fed gov has been procuring & sending Pri-Med 186771 masks for many P/Ts. Are you able to check with your officials to see how much we’ve procured, if we’ve tested any of them, how the testing has gone & if there have been any concerns with the quality of these masks that were raised by P/Ts?

I just googled Pri-Med 186771 and noticed a United Nurses of Alberta FB post which says nurses aren’t only concerned with Vanch but also the 186771s: <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedNurses/posts/10157412738243175>.

For context – this is what AB’s lead on procurement said at the presser today on mask quality:

- Heard concerns on procedural masks about fit; we know health care workers like what they know (same used for over 20 years)
- For masks we’re ordering in, very careful to make sure they meet their standard
- All PPE meets our standards, all products are tested
- **We will have a group reviewing PPE that we come in**
- Some discussion on the availability of N95s and KN95s
- Different standards for N95 – all of these are built for utilizing these products in various scenarios
- Only using N95, and will continue placing order for them to secure as much supply as possible
- **Products you’re used to were not sent out to other provinces, but are here and can be accessed**

AB also said this in response to the following Q: “Multiple manufacturers that make masks, but mask complaints are from the Vanch company. Continue to get masks from them?”

- Original mask manufactured in China by Pri-Med has been used by healthcare workers for the last two years

- In addition, there are 2 other masks that we've been getting: 1) Vanch and 2) Pri-Med masks by a secondary manufacturer (Pri-Med 186771)
 - o Concerns with both of these, working with manufacturers to address those concerns
- Extraordinary time with the supply chain, need to work with them, while continuing to procure original mask
- Hope we can include these masks moving forward so we have 3 suppliers
- 2nd mask I mentioned from Pri-Med is being purchased by feds and being provided as part of the national emergency stockpile, so it's also being used by other provinces

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Subject: Re: Quick Q before 945am for PM brief - Vanch

PSPC has not done business with Vanch. Confirmed.

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