

From: Gilks, Blake [VCH]
To: Gray, Darren [PHSA]; Kassan, Trushna [PHSA]; Diacu, Razvan HLTH:EX; Therrien, Darlene HLTH:EX; Tong, Esther [BCCDC]; Mondair, Sahib [PHSA]; Eckert, Lisa [PHSA]; Grant, Michelle [IHA]
Subject: RE: Confirmation of September Allocation and October Needs | Confirmation de l'allocation de septembre et les besoins pour octobre
Date: September 9, 2021 1:55:56 PM
Attachments: image001.jpg

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Thanks for sharing Darren

I think we are in good shape but will have to watch demand closely

Blake

From: Gray, Darren [PHSA] <Darren.Gray@hssbc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2021 1:33 PM
To: Gilks, Blake [VCH] <blake.gilks@vch.ca>; Kassan, Trushna [PHSA] <trushna.kassan@phsa.ca>; Diacu, Razvan HLTH:EX <Razvan.Diacu@gov.bc.ca>; Therrien, Darlene [EXT] <Darlene.Therrien@gov.bc.ca>; Tong, Esther [BCCDC] <Esther.Tong@bccdc.ca>; Mondair, Sahib [PHSA] <sahib.mondair@hssbc.ca>; Eckert, Lisa [PHSA] <Lisa.Eckert@hssbc.ca>; Grant, Michelle [IHA] <Michelle.Grant@interiorhealth.ca>
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Importance: High

Hi Blake, Trushna and Raz – see below and attached you might find this interesting. It does look like the other PTs put in larger requests for September.

As we know its hard (impossible?) to predict demand but I think our order of 350K panBios for October is reasonable and inline with what the other PTs have done especially when one considers the 200K nasal swabs we received earlier this week from HealthScienceX.

Let me know if you see something different.

Cheers,

Darren

Darren Gray

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Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2021 11:44 AM
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Cc: Eckert, Lisa [PHSA] <Lisa.Eckert@hssbc.ca>; Wanless, Ann-Marie [PHSA] <Ann-marie.Wanless@hssbc.ca>
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Importance: High

Hi Darren,
FYI from the trading post. Gives us a national scope of stock on hand for all tests. They have captured our inventory and our request for 350K Nasal swabs.
We have the most stock in the nation next to Ontario.
Thanks

Sahib Mondair
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Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2021 8:59 AM
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Hello colleagues,

Thank you for sharing your demand projections for September. Over the past few weeks, we have seen a shift in posture resulting in the need to pivot quickly to meet a sudden increase in demand for rapid tests to support a range of COVID screening initiatives. To ensure we can continue to support you in deploying your testing programs, we have initiated an emergency procurement to meet immediate needs but another procurement cycle is still required to meet demands for October. We would greatly appreciate if you could complete the attached template to confirm your September allocation numbers and indicate your October needs, in the appropriate columns.

While we recognize the short turnaround of this request, we'd be grateful to receive a **response by 12:00pm EDT tomorrow, September 10, 2021** to help confirm the required volumes for this next procurement.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Sophia

Bonjour chers collègues,

Nous vous remercions d'avoir partagé vos prévisions de demande pour le mois de septembre. Au cours des dernières semaines, nous avons constaté un changement de posture qui nous a obligés à pivoter rapidement pour répondre à une augmentation soudaine de la demande de tests rapides pour soutenir une série d'initiatives de dépistage du COVID. Pour nous assurer de pouvoir continuer à vous soutenir dans le déploiement de vos programmes de tests, nous avons lancé un approvisionnement d'urgence pour répondre aux besoins immédiats, mais un autre cycle d'approvisionnement est encore nécessaire pour répondre aux demandes d'octobre. Nous vous serions très reconnaissants

de compléter le tableau ci-joint pour confirmer vos chiffres d'allocation de septembre et indiquer vos besoins d'octobre, dans les colonnes appropriées.

Bien que nous soyons conscients de la courte échéance de cette demande, nous vous serions reconnaissants de **nous répondre avant demain, 10 septembre 2021, à 12 h HAE**, afin de nous aider à confirmer les volumes requis pour ce prochain approvisionnement.

Je vous remercie de votre collaboration soutenue et je me réjouis de poursuivre notre travail ensemble.

Sophia

Sophia Rubimbwa (She, her / elle)

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September Allocation and Request for October / Allocation pour septembre et demande pour octobre

	ID NOW Tests			Panbio Tests			BD Veritor Tests		
	Estimated Inventory (As of Aug. 27) ----- Estimation de l'inventaire (au 27 août)	September Allocation ----- Allocation pour septembre	Requested supply for October ----- Approvisionnement demandé pour octobre	Estimated Inventory (As of Aug. 27) ----- Estimation de l'inventaire (au 27 août)	September Allocation ----- Allocation pour septembre	Requested supply for October ----- Approvisionnement demandé pour octobre	Estimated Inventory (As of Aug. 27) ----- Estimation de l'inventaire (au 27 août)	September Allocation ----- Allocation pour septembre	Requested supply for October ----- Approvisionnement demandé pour octobre
PTs	2,595,672	24,192	-	10,955,126	3,675,000	850,000	3,604,565	500,000	60,120
NFLD / T.-N.-L.	0	-	-	0	-	-	N/A	-	-
PEI / Î.-P.-É.	161,242	-	-	26,400	20,000	-	N/A	-	-
NS / N.-É.	105,021	-	-	705,940	100,000	-	124,698	-	60,120
NB / N.-B.	66,176	-	-	932,850	900,000	-	N/A	-	-
QC	307,872	-	-	879,061	-	-	335,820	-	-
ON	795,927	-	-	6,381,793	1,500,000	-	2,351,717	-	-
MB	155,424	-	-	150,925	-	500,000	322,560	500,000	-
SK	57,720	-	-	250,575	500,000	-	101,970	-	-
AB	321,002	-	-	362,183	650,000	-	0	-	-
BC / C.-B.	555,480	-	-	1,227,499	-	350,000	368,340	-	-
YK	15,720	-	-	13,600	-	-	N/A	-	-
NWT / TN-O	34,632	24,192	-	8,975	5,000	-	N/A	-	-
NU	20,232	-	-	15,500	-	-	N/A	-	-

From: Anderson, Patrick HLTH:EX
To: Gilks, Blake [VCH]; Kassan, Trushna [PHSA]; Malo, Jonathan [BCCDC]; Mooder, Karen [PHSA]; XT:Krajden, Mel HLTH:IN; Armitage, Glenn HLTH:EX; Schaeffer, David [VCH]; Eckert, Lisa [PHSA]; XT:Mussavi Rizi, Seyed Ali HLTH:IN
Subject: RE: Rapid tests Allocation Framework
Date: December 24, 2021 9:13:42 AM
Attachments: Fwd Request for information rapid tests - BC Response .msg

Attached is the communication that was sent to HC yesterday. Apologies for not sharing earlier.
Patrick

From: Gilks, Blake [VCH] <blake.gilks@vch.ca>
Sent: December 24, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Kassan, Trushna [PHSA] <trushna.kassan@phsa.ca>; Malo, Jonathan [BCCDC] <jonathan.malo@bccdc.ca>; Mooder, Karen [PHSA] <Karen.Mooder@phsa.ca>; XT:Krajden, Mel HLTH:IN <mel.krajden@bccdc.ca>; Anderson, Patrick HLTH:EX <Patrick.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; Armitage, Glenn HLTH:EX <Glenn.Armitage@gov.bc.ca>; Schaeffer, David [VCH] <David.Schaeffer@vch.ca>; Eckert, Lisa [PHSA] <Lisa.Eckert@hssbc.ca>; XT:Mussavi Rizi, Seyed Ali HLTH:IN <smussavirizi@phsa.ca>
Subject: RE: Rapid tests Allocation Framework

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Kassan, Trushna [PHSA] <trushna.kassan@phsa.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2021 8:42 PM
To: Kassan, Trushna [PHSA]; Gilks, Blake [VCH]; Malo, Jonathan [BCCDC]; Mooder, Karen [PHSA]; Krajden, Mel [BCCDC]; 'Anderson, Patrick HLTH:EX'; Armitage, Glenn HLTH:EX; Schaeffer, David [VCH]; Eckert, Lisa [PHSA]; Mussavi Rizi, Seyed Ali [PHSA]
Subject: Rapid tests Allocation Framework
When: Friday, December 24, 2021 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: s.15; s.17

Hello,

You are invited to a Zoom virtual health visit.

Join the virtual health visit with your provider by clicking the following link:

s.15; s.17

Alternatively, you can join the virtual health visit by entering the following info in Zoom:

Meeting ID: s.15; s.17

Password: s.15; s.17

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- How to prepare for a virtual health visit:

<http://www.phsa.ca/health-professionals/professional-resources/office-of-virtual-health/covid-19-virtual-health-toolkit/zoom-for-healthcare/patient-resources>

- How to join a virtual health visit from a computer:

<http://www.phsa.ca/health-professionals-site/Documents/Office%20of%20Virtual%20Health/Zoom%20Patient%20Join%20VH%20Visit%20by%20Computer.pdf>

- How to join a virtual health visit from a mobile device:

<http://www.phsa.ca/health-professionals-site/Documents/Office%20of%20Virtual%20Health/Zoom%20Patient%20Join%20VH%20Visit%20by%20Mobile%20App.pdf>

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Point of Care Testing for COVID-19

TOPIC

- Use of COVID -19 rapid point of care (POC) tests to support BC's provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing is the gold standard for diagnosing a COVID-19 infection, requiring the collection of a sample (saline or nasopharyngeal) which is then delivered to a laboratory for testing.
- BC has implemented rapid (<60 minutes) PCR testing with GeneXpert technology in rural, remote and Indigenous communities to extend the reach of diagnostic COVID-19 testing and reduce the turn around time in those settings.
- There are situations where Non-PCR (or screening) tests are valuable for reaching and engaging more people who may be ill and unaware.
- Health Canada has approved 3 Non-PCR COVID-19 rapid POC tests for use in Canada¹.
 - Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 (ID NOW) looks for the virus genetic material in a nasal sample. The test requires both a test kit and a portable analyzer. The analyzer can run 4 samples at once, and results take up to an hour.
 - BC received 240,000 tests.
 - The tests shelf life is 6 months.
 - Abbott PanBio COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test (PanBio) tests for COVID-19 antigens and does not require an analyzer. Results take about 15 minutes.
 - BC's original allocation of PanBio was 1.6M tests in Fall 2020.
 - The early shipments of PanBio require a Nasopharyngeal Swab, however, future shipments will include kits that use a nasal swab. BC is exploring conversion of the Nasopharyngeal Swabs to nasal swabs.
 - The tests shelf life is 12 months.
 - BD Veritor tests for antigens via a nasal swab and requires a portable analyzer. Results take about 20 minutes.
 - BC will receive 181,400 tests in the coming weeks.
 - The tests shelf life is 6 months.
- The tests and equipment are being provided to provinces and territories by the Federal Government.
- BC, along with other Canadian jurisdictions, is using these tests to screen individuals in high-risk settings who have no symptoms or known contacts with COVID-19.²
- A provincial COVID-19 rapid POC testing strategy has been endorsed by BC's Public Health Leadership with 4 priority settings:
 - Screening staff in long term care (LTC) facilities.
 - Screening incoming residents to provincial corrections facilities.
 - Testing and screening in rural and remote communities where traditional PCR testing is less available.
 - Screening and testing during an outbreak.
- Medical Health Officers can also deploy COVID-19 rapid POC testing to additional settings that align with the intent of the strategy.
- All positive COVID-19 rapid POC results are followed up with a PCR test to confirm diagnosis of COVID-19.
- The Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Services Authority are currently working with regional health authorities to implement this strategy across BC, recognizing the evidence for most effective use is emerging.

¹ Data collected from the Health Canada Eagle Report, accessed January 22, 2021.

² Health Canada (2021) Priority strategies to optimize testing and screening for COVID-19 in Canada: Report. Retrieved January 27, 2021 from <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/covid19-industry/medical-devices/testing-screening-advisory-panel/reports-summaries/priority-strategies.html#a6>

LEGISLATIVE SESSION - FACT SHEET

- Evaluation of COVID-19 rapid POC testing pilots will inform further decisions about expanding in other regions or settings.

As of January 26, 2021³

- BC health authorities are use COVID-19 rapid POC testing in outbreak settings.
- Vancouver Coastal Health Authority has launched COVID-19 rapid POC testing as part of their outreach strategy in the Downtown Eastside and has successfully identified people with COVID-19 who were not reached by traditional PCR testing.
- COVID-19 rapid POC testing is underway in 4 provincial corrections facilities and expansion to BC's Forensic Psychiatric Hospital is planned for February 1, 2021. The Provincial Health Services Authority reports success in finding people with undiagnosed COVID-19 and plans to extend this to all provincial correctional facilities by February 2, 2021.
- Five COVID-19 rapid POC testing pilots are underway testing staff in Vancouver area LTC facilities. Starting in December 2020, screening has identified people who have COVID-19 but were unaware of their infection.
- Fraser Health Authority is evaluating the use of COVID-19 rapid POC testing for urgent and emergent, non-scheduled surgeries at Royal Columbian Hospital. Screening started December 16, 2020 and has identified some individuals with COVID-19 who were unaware of their infection.

KEY FACTS

- To reach people who require testing outside the laboratory setting (i.e., POC), BC and other jurisdictions are using COVID-19 rapid POC tests provided at no cost from Health Canada.
- Non-PCR COVID-19 rapid POC testing can be done outside of a laboratory setting with results generated in a much shorter time period and are followed by a gold standard PCR test if the COVID-19 rapid POC test result is positive.
- COVID-19 rapid POC tests can play an important role in places where there are a cluster of people with an illness and it is useful to quickly determine if it is COVID-19, or when traditional PCR testing is not feasible.
- COVID-19 rapid POC testing has a higher chance of false-negative results than PCR testing which can lead well-meaning people to mistakenly believe they do not have the virus and unknowingly expose other individuals.
- BC's COVID-19 rapid POC testing strategy includes piloting and evaluating COVID-19 rapid POC testing in settings where the evidence of effectiveness is strong, and in areas where the likelihood of a positive test is higher than in the general population.
- Health authorities continue to plan and implement COVID-19 rapid POC testing.
- As of January 19, 2021, 20,072 ID NOW tests and 268,900 PanBio tests have been distributed to the health authorities.⁴
- Long term care: BC is evaluating the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority pilots to inform on any expansion in LTC outside Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.
- Industry: The Ministry of Health has been approached by several industry leaders interested in providing POC testing at worksites, including remote work camps, film sets and other congregate locations where physical distancing cannot be maintained. The Ministry of Health is working with health authority partners on this planning.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- N/A

Approved:

February 12, 2021 - Ian Rongve, ADM, COVID Response and Health Emergency Management Division

February 12, 2021 – Brian Emerson – Deputy Provincial Health Officer (acting), Office of the Provincial Health Officer

³ Data collected from health authority partners, accessed January 22, 2021.

⁴ Data collected from PHSA Supply Chain Dashboard, accessed January 19, 2021.

From: [Diacu, Mariana HLTH:EX](#)
To: [Anderson, Patrick HLTH:EX](#); [Armitage, Glenn HLTH:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request for information: rapid tests / Demande de renseignements: tests rapides
Date: December 23, 2021 9:27:46 AM
Attachments: [BC RAT Requirements - PT Data Collection Template 12-23-2021.xlsx](#)

Comments please

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Therrien, Darlene HLTH:EX" <Darlene.Therrien@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for information: rapid tests / Demande de renseignements: tests rapides
Date: December 23, 2021 at 9:26:48 AM PST
To: "Diacu, Mariana HLTH:EX" <Mariana.Diacu@gov.bc.ca>

Steve and Bonnie,
Updated spreadsheet to be clearer and a draft language for email response (to be cc to Mariana, Mel, Sebastien and the generic rapid test distribution email:

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Dear Stephen Lucas,

Thank you for the collaboration and partnership with the provinces to supply and deliver rapid tests as another tool in the toolbox against COVID-19.

BC has a preference to receive allow its allocation of 11 million tests as home tests. If this not possible **BC still requires its full allocation of rapid tests (11 million)**. The preference is for the packages to be as small as possible starting with 5 pack or less, then 10 pack and lastly 25 pack. As you are aware breaking down the 25 pack to small packages for use is very labour intensive.

BC would be pleased to receive any additional amounts of rapid tests above the 11million allocation, should they be available.

We will be doing further pre-planning for deployment of the rapid tests over the holidays and any information you can provide on types of kits available and arrival in BC dates would be most appreciated. The sooner the information is available to us the smoother the January roll out will be in BC for these rapid tests.

Please find attached a response template for BC regarding the 11 million allocation of rapid tests. Should you have questions or require further information please reach out to Darlene Therrien (250-217-2818) at Darlene.Therrien@gov.bc.ca and/or Mariana. Diacu at Mariana.Diacu@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to support the procurement process for rapid tests.

Darlen

Mobile 250-217-2818

"Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe"

From: Lucas, Stephen (HC/SC) <Stephen.Lucas@hc-sc.gc.ca>

Sent: December 20, 2021 4:26 PM

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Cc: Jeffrey, Heather (HC/SC) <heather.jeffrey@hc-sc.gc.ca>; Aubertin-Giguere, Sebastien (HC/SC) <sebastien.aubertin-giguere@hc-sc.gc.ca>; Rapid Test Distribution / Test Rapide (HC/SC) <rapidtestdistribution-testrapide@hc-sc.gc.ca>

Subject: Request for information: rapid tests / Demande de renseignements: tests rapides

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your responses to my November 26th request for information. The information you provide regarding your inventory, projected demand, and usage rate of rapid tests is being used to inform the Government of Canada's overall procurement plans.

Given increased demand, **we are engaging with you more regularly for updates on the status of your inventory and to verify your projections for rapid tests.**

Please find attached a response template through which all provincial and territorial responses will be validated. Grateful for your responses by **December 23**, which will continue to support the procurement process for rapid tests. Once your response is received, my officials will work with yours to identify the types of tests available that best fit your program parameters. For example, for certain test types in limited supply, others may have characteristics suitable for your use cases.

We understand that there is demand for rapid tests across all rapid test programs.

Given these pressures, **it is critical that rapid tests are allocated to the highest priority use cases** first including the health sector, essential workplaces including long-term care and other key settings such as schools.

I would also ask your support in monitoring and taking action where necessary to ensure the provision of free rapid tests is not abused, for example, by the selling of free tests.

Further, given high demand, it is **essential that inventories and distribution by your priority areas are regularly and accurately reported in a timely manner.** In the event of insufficient supply to fulfill all requested amounts, a per capita approach would be applied as a general principle, with subsequent communication with jurisdictions to confirm that their share is needed.

Should your teams have any questions or would like to discuss, please have them reach out to Sébastien Aubertin-Giguère, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Procurement and Policy Branch at the Testing Secretariat at sebastien.aubertin-giguere@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Please ensure that your responses are also sent to Health Canada's Rapid Test Distribution inbox at rapidtestdistribution-testrapide@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Regards,

Stephen Lucas, Ph.D.

Heather Jeffrey

From: [Diacu, Mariana HLTH:EX](#)
To: [Anderson, Patrick HLTH:EX](#); [Armitage, Glenn HLTH:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request for information: rapid tests - BC Response
Date: December 23, 2021 10:53:54 AM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[BC RAT Requirements - PT Data Collection Template 12-23-2021.xlsx](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Therrien, Darlene HLTH:EX" <Darlene.Therrien@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for information: rapid tests - BC Response
Date: December 23, 2021 at 10:50:49 AM PST
To: "'Stephen.Lucas@hc-sc.gc.ca'" <Stephen.Lucas@hc-sc.gc.ca>, "'heather.jeffrey@hc-sc.gc.ca'" <heather.jeffrey@hc-sc.gc.ca>, "'Aubertin-Giguere, Sebastien (HC/SC)'" <sebastien.aubertin-giguere@hc-sc.gc.ca>, "'Rapid Test Distribution / Test Rapide (HC/SC)'" <rapidtestdistribution-testrapide@hc-sc.gc.ca>
Cc: "Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX" <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, "Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX" <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>, "Pokorny, Peter HLTH:EX" <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>, "Diacu, Mariana HLTH:EX" <Mariana.Diacu@gov.bc.ca>, "Therrien, Darlene HLTH:EX" <Darlene.Therrien@gov.bc.ca>, "XT:Krajden, Mel HLTH:IN" <mel.krajden@bccdc.ca>

Sending on behalf on Deputy Minister Stephen Brown, BC Ministry of Health.

Dear Stephen Lucas,

Thank you for the collaboration and partnership with the provinces to supply and deliver rapid tests as another tool in the toolbox against COVID-19. We are asking to receive our full allocation based on a per capita allocation and would be pleased to accept more if they are available. For the purposes on this submission we estimate that our allocation based on Federal announcements would be \$11M+.

BC has a preference to receive its allocation of rapid tests as home tests to the extent possible. If this not possible **BC still is asking for its full allocation of rapid tests (11+ million)**. The preference is for the packages to be as small as possible starting with 5 pack or less, then 10 pack and lastly 25 pack. As you are aware breaking down the 25 pack to small packages for use is very labour intensive.

BC would be pleased to receive any additional amounts of rapid tests above the 11million allocation, should they be available.

We will be doing further pre-planning for deployment of the rapid tests over the holidays and any information you can provide on types of kits available and arrival in BC dates would be most appreciated. The sooner the information is available to us the smoother the January roll out will be in BC for these rapid tests.

Please find attached the response template for BC regarding the 11+ million allocation of rapid tests. If there is additional supply we would be allocating those tests to managing community transmission through distribution to cases/contacts and clusters/outbreaks, and as additional tool to protect Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and

70+ population

Should you have questions or require further information please reach out to Darlene Therrien (250-217-2818) at Darlene.Therrien@gov.bc.ca and/or Mariana. Diacu at Mariana.Diacu@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to support the procurement process for rapid tests.



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Subject: Request for information: rapid tests / Demande de renseignements: tests rapides

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your responses to my November 26th request for information. The information you provide regarding your inventory, projected demand, and usage rate of rapid tests is being used to inform the Government of Canada's overall procurement plans.

Given increased demand, **we are engaging with you more regularly for updates on the status of your inventory and to verify your projections for rapid tests.**

Please find attached a response template through which all provincial and territorial responses will be validated. Grateful for your responses by **December 23**, which will continue to support the procurement process for rapid tests. Once your response is received, my officials will work with yours to identify the types of tests available that best fit your program parameters. For example, for certain test types in limited supply, others may have characteristics suitable for your use cases.

We understand that there is demand for rapid tests across all rapid test programs.

rapportés en temps opportun. En cas d'approvisionnement insuffisant pour répondre à la totalité des demandes, une approche par habitant serait appliquée comme principe général, suivie d'une communication avec les administrations pour confirmer que leur part est bien requise.

Si vos équipes ont des questions ou aimeraient en discuter, ils sont priés de s'adresser à Sébastien Aubertin-Giguère, sous-ministre adjoint de la Direction générale de l'approvisionnement et des politiques au Secrétariat de dépistage à l'adresse sebastien.aubertin-giguere@hc-sc.gc.ca. Veuillez-vous assurer que vos réponses soient également envoyées à la boîte de réception de la distribution de tests rapides de Santé Canada à l'adresse rapidtestdistribution-testrapide@hc-sc.gc.ca.

Cordialement,

Stephen Lucas, Ph.D.
Sous-ministre

Heather Jeffrey
Sous-ministre déléguée

Destination

BC REQUEST - FIRST I
If Self-Tests are not a
Second choice is 5 pa

NOTE: Any type of test is acceptable. BC will be please to receive any additional test a

5 pack (or less)

Day Care
 Schools (JK - Grade 12)
 Schools (university/college/CEGEP)
 Long Term Care (retirement homes/hospice)
 Congregate Living (Shelters/Group Homes)
 Hospitals/Health Sector
 First Nations
 Workplaces
 Juvenile Detention Centres
 Correctional Facilities
 General Population/public
 Special Events (theatre/concerts/exhibitions)
 Organized Sports (CFL/Hockey Leagues/Olympics - At games or athletes)
 Places of Worship
 Other (please specify)
 Other - Managing community transmission through distribution to cases/contacts
 and clusters/outbreaks, and as additional tool to protect Clinically Extremely
 Vulnerable and 70+ population
 Other - Rural, remote, Indigenous and vulnerable communities for symptomatic
 testing and contact management
 Other - Case and contact management

BC TOTAL REQUEST/ALLOCATION

PREFERENCE TO RECEIVE ALL RAT as SELF TESTS.
 available, BC still requires its full allocation (11 million).
 pack (or less), third choice is 10 pack and last choice is 25 pack.
 available in any packaging type, with the preferences as stated above.

10 pack	25 pack	Rapid Antigen Self-Test	Point of Care Molecular Test
			0
			500000
			500000
			500000
		included in other (RRI)	
			500000
		included in other (RRI)	
			250000
			100000
			200000
			0
			0
			0
			0
			0
			7000000
			1200000
			250000
			11000000

From: Therrien, Darlene HLTH:EX
To: "Aubertin-Giguere, Sebastien (HC/SC)"
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Subject: Update Home test kit demand - B.C. Ministry of Health Response to Rapid Tests Inventory
Date: November 12, 2021 4:36:25 PM

Good evening Sebastien,

Further to the BC submission earlier today on rapid point of care test for COVID. We have some additional information regarding demand for home testing kits in BC.

- There is a high level of interest in introducing the Roche Biosensor and Quidel QuickVue tests into BC's rapid testing programs.
- We understand that Health Canada is considering a per capita distribution model for the Quidel QuickVue tests, and BC has requested that we receive our full per capita allotment. We anticipate Health Canada will take the same approach with Roche Biosensor tests.
- Many of the companies accessing tests through the BC Provincial Health Services Authority program have expressed interest in adopting/expanding at home testing for employees. In addition, the Ministry is working with public health and education officials to explore the use of rapid testing in BC schools. The Roche Biosensor and Quidel QuickVue tests are being considered in both of these use cases.
- At this time we are unable to provide a projected demand for the Roche Biosensor and Quidel QuickVue tests; however we are working to finalize our anticipated needs and will share this information with you as soon as we are able.

Trusting this is helpful. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.
Thank you.

*Kind Regards,
Darlene*

Darlene Therrien
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Subject: RE: B.C. Ministry of Health Response to Rapid Tests Inventory, etc. Request; FW: Reminder: Request for information: Inventory: rapid tests / Rappel: Demande de renseignements: Inventaire: tests rapides

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Chad,

Acknowledged. Thank you

Sebastien

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Importance: High

Good day Sébastien and DM Lucas.

Please find B.C. Ministry of Health's response attached. Apologies for submission after the requested date.

Sincerely,

Chad Vandermolén, LLB

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Colleagues,

We would appreciate receiving as soon as possible, the information regarding your current inventory, projected demand, and usage rate of rapid tests as well as a description of the use cases for the tests, current or planned.

Thank you,

Stephen Lucas
Deputy Minister
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From: Lucas, Stephen (HC/SC)

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Subject: Request for information: Inventory: rapid tests / Demande de renseignements: Inventaire: tests rapides

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Dear Colleagues,

This note is a new **request for information regarding your current inventory, projected demand, and usage rate of rapid tests. We are also requesting a description of the use cases for the tests, current or planned.** This information is important as it will allow us to better plan our procurement and our allocation to

provincial and territorial partners.

We would appreciate this information by November 5, which will allow us to engage with the different vendors and distributors regarding additional supplies. It will also be invaluable to help clarify public reporting on deployment of rapid tests. For your ease of reference, attached is a response template.

If your teams would like to discuss or have any questions, please have them reach out to Sébastien Aubertin-Giguere, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Procurement and Policy Branch at the Testing Secretariat at sebastien.aubertin-giguere@hc-sc.gc.ca

Regards,

Stephen Lucas
Deputy Minister
Health Canada

Chers collègues,

Cette note est une nouvelle **demande d'information concernant votre inventaire actuel, la demande projetée et l'utilisation des tests rapides. Nous aimerions aussi comprendre les cas d'usage pour ces tests, prévus ou actuels**. Cette information est importante. Elle nous permettra de mieux planifier nos achats et notre allocation aux partenaires provinciaux et territoriaux.

Nous aimerions une réponse avant le 5 novembre, ce qui nous permettra de discuter avec les différents fournisseurs et distributeurs concernant les fournitures supplémentaires. Elle nous aidera également à clarifier nos rapports publics sur la distribution des tests rapides. Veuillez trouver ci-joint inclut le gabarit pour envoyer ces informations.

Si vos équipes désirent discuter ou poser des questions, veuillez communiquer avec Sébastien Aubertin-Giguere, sous-ministre adjoint de la Direction d'approvisionnement et politiques au Secrétariat du dépistage à sebastien.aubertin-giguere@hc-sc.gc.ca

Cordialement,

Stephen Lucas
Sous-ministre
Santé Canada

Inventory Data / Données d'inventaire

Please indicate below the number of tests currently in your inventory.
Veuillez indiquer ci-dessous le nombre de tests actuellement dans votre inventaire.

Test Type / Type de test			Nov / nov 2021	Dec / déc 2021	Jan / jan 2022	Feb / fév 2022	Mar / mars 2022
ID NOW			24,192	62,832	49,992	248,880	170,208
Panbio NP							
Panbio Nasal							
BD Veritor							
BTNX							
Roche Biosensor							

Projected Demand / Demande projetée

Please indicate below the anticipated demand for each test type.
Veuillez indiquer ci-dessous la demande prévue pour chaque type de test.

Test Type / Type de test							
ID NOW							
Panbio NP							
Panbio Nasal							
BD Veritor							
BTNX							
Roche Biosensor							
QuidelQuickVue*							

*Note: There is limited supply to Canada

Please indicate below a description of the use cases for the tests.
Veuillez indiquer ci-dessous les cas d'usage pour ces tests.

Test Type / Type de test	
ID NOW	Currently used for diagnostic testing in rural, remote and First Nations communities, outdoor settings, corrections facilities, health authority screening programs.
Panbio	Panbio Nasal swab tests are currently used for voluntary workplace screening and facilities for long-term care, Assisted Living and provincial mental health, marginalized and under-housed populations, in schools in high prevalence settings. The Panbio NP tests are being paired with NA swabs.
BD Veritor	Currently being used for voluntary workplace screening programs. Considering use in schools.

BTNX	
Roche Biosensor	
Quidel QuickVue	Being considered for use in voluntary workplace screening and facilities subject to Provincial mental health, marginalized and under-housed populations, outbreak settings, c settings.

ventaire:

tory sorted by expiry date

ventaire triés par date d'expiration

Apr-2022	May-2022	Jun-2022	Jul-2022	Aug-2022	Sep-2022	Oct-2022	Nov-2022
						375,025	452,925
	151,550			102,275			
						316,890	

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Nov / nov 2021	Dec / déc 2021	Jan / jan 2022	Feb / fév 2022	Mar / mars 2022	Burn Rate / Taux d'utilisation 2022
5928	5928	5928	5928	5928	29640
12600	12600	12600	12600	12600	63000
32425	32425	32425	32425	32425	162125

ests, current or planned

, prévus ou actuels

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s subject to Provincial Health Officer order(s) (e.g. Long term care, outbreak settings, other congregate living facilities). Considering use for use in post-secondary institutions and congregate living settings.
ols in high prevalence settings.

ial Health Officer order(s) (e.g. Long term care, Assisted Living and other congregate living facilities) as well as schools in high prevalence

Dec-2022	Jan-2023	Burn Rate / Taux d'utilisation 2022
		556,104
19,200		847,150
	39,650	293,475
		316,890