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Subject: Highlights from March 8th FPT ADM Committee on Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Management
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Good afternoon,

Below are the highlights from the FPT ADM Committee on Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Management which took place earlier this afternoon. Actions items have been highlighted in yellow.

Update on Testing – Supply and Procurement: (Monique Frison, HC)

- Regulatory dept has approved extended shelf life for BD Veritor tests, applying to all tests sent to Canada including those received last year and those in inventory. By the end of this week, Canada will get 45,000 additional analyzers, which will help with the deployment those tests.
- Regarding Cepheid, HC has complied all inputs and will do more procurement decision-making but will provide conclusion soon.
- Health Canada will talk to Abbott re: ID Now to ask about extending shelf life from 6 months to one year.

Update on Workplace Screening (Chris Johnstone)

- The GoC is looking into a UK portal.
- Please advise Health Canada if there are plans for testing critical services, including those that serve vulnerable communities (e.g. volunteer firefighters, soup kitchen providers, etc.)
- HC is interested in knowing if PTs are supplying tests for staff at high-contact offices such as dental clinics, ultrasound facilities, or pharmacies.

Update on the COVID Alert App (Marc Fortin, HC)

- Approx 6.2 million people have signed up for the COVID Alert App in Canada. HC is looking to add additional languages on the app (currently it is offered in English and French); increase the metrics (e.g. breakdown by province/territory); and adding in QR codes so that users can use these to scan their location if they wish.

Guidance and Knowledge Sharing: (Nancy Hamzawi, HC)

- TAC is interested in any feedback on how to better engage on the Expert Panel reports (for example, by sharing materials such as rapid evidence reviews earlier).

- HC provided a summary of the guidance on rapid antigen tests: please let Health Canada know if there are any errors or omissions.

Roundtable:

- NWT has an excess of ID Now tests (between 8,000-10,000) that are approaching their expiry; please reach out if needed and the territory will pay for the shipping costs to the PTs that request it.

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