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## Canada's top doctor now says your COVID-19 masks should have three layers. Experts ask what took her so long

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Canada's public health agency owes the public answers as to why it took until this week to say that COVID-19 can be transmitted through the air, and that Canadians should wear a three-layer mask, experts and critics say.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) updated its guidance on those two issues this week – months after national agencies elsewhere and the World Health Organization had already done so – but has provided little information for why it took until now to make that decision, and based on what specific data.