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## Why did Justin Trudeau preorder so much COVID-19 vaccine? He says he learned from his earlier mistake

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OTTAWA –Canada’s global scramble in the spring to buy personal protective equipment for front-line health workers taught the federal Liberal government a painful lesson – that it had to get a jump on buying [vaccines](#), says Prime Minister [Justin Trudeau](#).

In his first specific admission of where his government made mistakes during the pandemic, Trudeau told an interviewer that he wished his government had acted sooner to procure PPE – masks, face shields, gowns and gloves – in January.