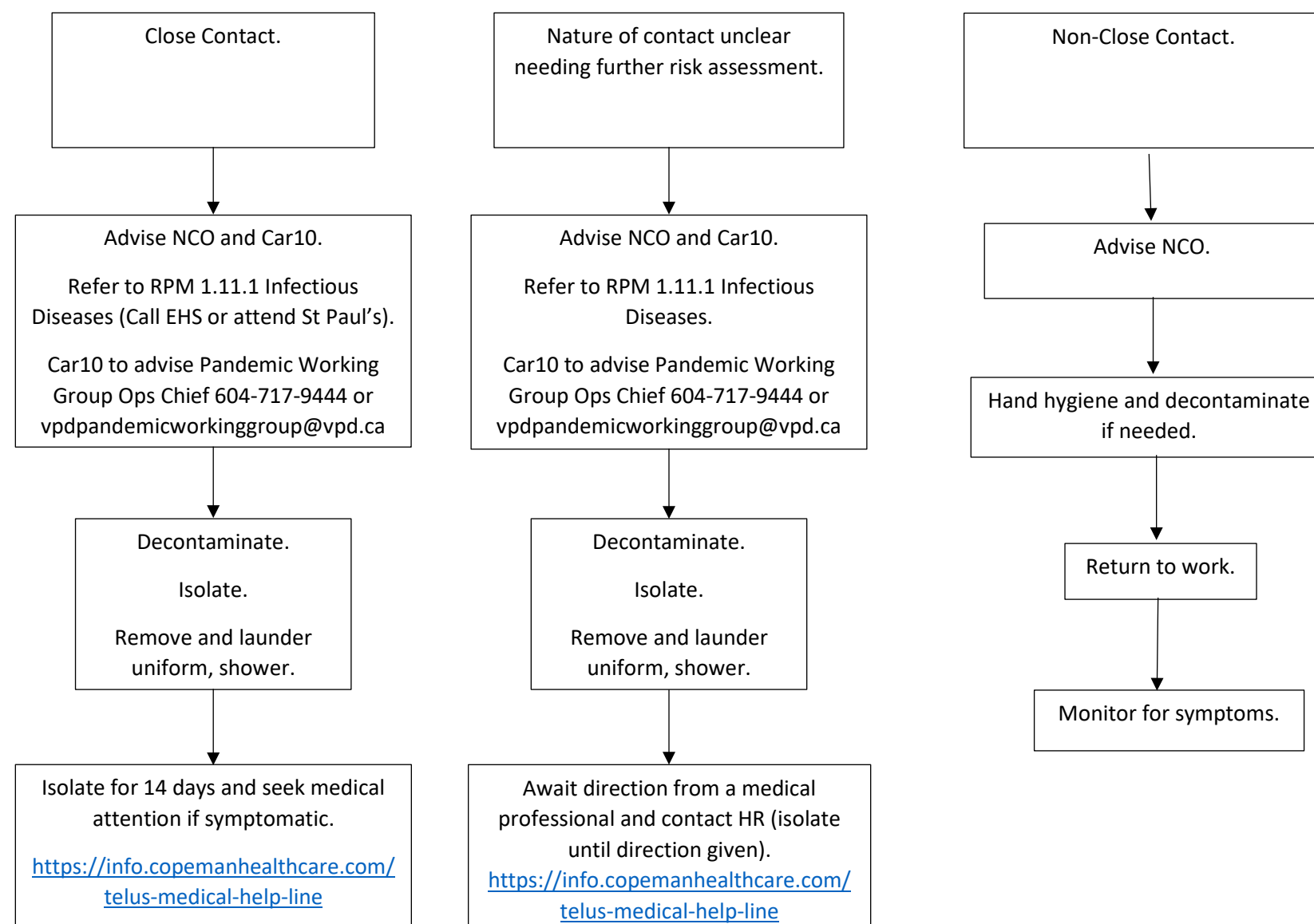




Vancouver Police Department Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure

Effective: March 31st, 2020 *NOTE: This could change based on information from Public Health*

Member exposed to an individual who is confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 or an individual displaying flu-like symptoms



Close Contact. A close contact is someone who has:

- Been face-to-face for at least 15 minutes without PPE or has gone hands on without PPE; or
- Been in the same closed space for at least 2 hours, with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when that person was infectious; or
- Lived with or otherwise had close prolonged contact (within 2 meters) with a case while the case was symptomatic and not isolating; or
- Had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a case (e.g., was coughed, spat or sneezed on) without the proper and appropriate use of recommended PPE or if a breach in PPE occurs.

Non-Close Contact. A non-close contact is:

- An encounter when social distancing was maintained (greater than 2m or 6 feet); or
- Living or otherwise having prolonged interaction but not within 2 m or 6 feet of a case while the case was symptomatic and not isolating; or
- Close physical contact while using consistent and appropriate PPE (with no breach of PPE).

DECONTAMINATION

MEMBERS: The following decontamination measures have been developed in consultation with medical advisors.

Members exposed or BTB exposed to COVID-19 must:

1. Wash hands ASAP - avoid touching eye/nose/mouth.
2. Drive your police vehicle and park in any available stall:
 - Spyglass kiosk lot at Cambie; OR
 - P1 level at the Annex; OR
 - P1 level at Graveley.
3. Notify NCO/Car 10 and ask approval to get the key to the decon trailer from the Kiosk (Cambie only).

Prior to showering:

4. Remove and bag your contaminated clothing.
5. Seal the bag with provided tape. Double bag if necessary.
6. Write your PIN on the bag using the permanent marker.
7. Leave bag outside of the:
 - Decon trailer at Spyglass kiosk lot; OR
 - P1 shower bay at the Annex; OR
 - P1 Graveley shower area (south of the bike room).
8. Use provided wipes to wipe down equipment, belt, & boots. **NOTE:** The Sani-sport cleaner has been set up at the kiosk (near ARV) and Annex (P1) for equipment cleaning.
9. Place any used cleaning equipment in a separate sealed bag for disposal.
10. Use provided wipes or disinfectant spray bottle to spray door handles and taps.

Showering:

11. Shower and clean using the designated showers. **NOTE:** The Annex shower is single use only. Please be conscious of privacy – have someone stand guard.
12. Put on a set of coveralls (provided on site) and place the used towel in the separate used towel bag. Do not put the used towel in with your contaminated clothing.
13. Don gloves. Use wipes or spray bottle to spray door handles and taps.
14. Notify your 2120/Annex DOC Liaison Officer that the shower has been used, so they can ensure supplies are restocked.
15. Advise Kiosk that the shower has been used so that proper cleaning can be arranged.
16. Leave keys in your vehicle and, if needed, call for another patrol unit to transport you back to 2120/Annex. **NOTE:** for the Annex, leave your keys in designated key container at P1 decon site.

VEHICLES: Advise the Kiosk that you have dropped off a police vehicle suspected of having been infected by COVID-19. The vehicle will then be removed from service for decontamination.

Social Distancing Considerations

During the course of members' duties, they may come across situations which make it operationally unavoidable to maintain the social distancing limit of two meters (or six feet). This may occur while in training, responding to calls, or working in two-officer units. For those members who find themselves in these situations, the following procedure now applies:

- Wear a surgical mask while on duty. A single mask should suffice for the entire shift.
- Masks do not need to be changed unless they are visibly soiled, wet, or damaged.
- Masks should also be changed after an encounter with a subject with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. But for all other interactions, a single mask is sufficient.
- Best attempts should be made to set boundaries on objects/items and within the car and minimize (if not eliminate) sharing of areas e.g. passenger controls laptop, driver manages vehicle and switches, etc.
- Maintain meticulous and frequent hand hygiene as previously outlined.
- Maintain increased cleaning of hard surfaces whenever possible e.g. steering wheel, lap tops, radio, etc.