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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 3, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments for April 3, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff are reminded that during this developing situation, the VPD's response will remain fluid and adaptive. As a result, **information and updates may change daily**.

According to Health Canada, though the risk varies between and within communities, given the increasing number of cases in Canada, **the COVID-19 risk to Canadians is considered high**. This does not mean that all Canadians will get the disease. It means that there is already a significant impact on our health care system. If we do not flatten the epidemic curve now, the increase of COVID-19 cases could impact health care resources available to Canadians.

Critical information related to member safety and procedures are distributed by the VPD's Pandemic Working Group. The current health emergency is a rapidly evolving situation and members are advised to access this information on a daily basis.

From your desk:	VPD's CoVID-19 Information & Updates webpage via the Intranet http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/default.aspx
From your email:	Daily Situation Reports distributed to your VPD email address
From the road:	VPD GO 2020-54066 accessible by MDT
From home or cell phone:	Go to vpdemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

Key Updates for April 3, 2020

- At this time, **VPD member's enforcement authorities remain unchanged** in relation to federal, provincial, and municipal government COVID-19 orders. **Members shall not take enforcement action unless approved by Car 10.**
- PPE considerations when administering CPR or an AED during the COVID-19 pandemic are highlighted below.
- For officer safety, CPIC Special Interest Police (SIP) entries are now available for COVID-19 related flags.
- A video with DCC Howard Chow addressing all VPD staff regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation has been released today. These videos will be shared periodically as the COVID-19 situation develops.

Government Updates for April 3, 2020

Provincial Update – Remains in State of Emergency

- There have been 53 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the current British Columbia total to 1,174 since the outbreak.

Operational Considerations

CPR and AED Guidelines

All staff should be aware of PPE considerations when administering CPR or an AED during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- A simple face mask or surgical mask should be placed on subject prior to chest compressions.
- A fit tested P100 respirator should be worn as chest compressions can aerosolize the virus.

Full guidelines are available and should be reviewed on PRIME GO 20-54066 or the VPD's COVID-19 intranet site.

CPIC COVID-19 Flagging

For the protection of all frontline personnel, CPIC Special Interest Police (SIP) entries are available for COVID-19 related flagging.

- Please do not use caution code "contagious disease".
- It is recommended that members utilize SIP entries when an individual demonstrates behaviour that poses danger or causes concern for their safety or the safety of others.

As with all CPIC SIP entries, members are responsible for the accuracy and validity of contents entered into the SIP and for the decision to place the person on CPIC based on that information. Members must investigate and confirm this information to be accurate.

Please refer to VPD GO 2020-54066 for full guidelines regarding specific COVID-19 related messaging/flagging in CPIC. Additional questions can be directed to VPD CPIC (604-717-3030).

COVID-19 Infographics

As additional reference materials, the VPD Pandemic Working Group and the VPD's Learning and Development Unit (LDU) have worked together to create a series of three infographics that will provide information in relation to COVID-19 PPE, exposure, and decontamination guidelines.

- The decontamination bulletins will be posted at the VPD's three decontamination sites.
- These infographics are available on the VPD's COVID-19 Intranet page as well.

These infographics are not new information. COVID-19 exposure guidelines are based on the COVID-19 flowchart that has been widely disseminated and is available on VPDemerg and the VPD's CoVID-19 Intranet page.

COVID-19 Videos

The VPD continues to release pertinent and timely information in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A series of videos are being released which address all VPD staff. Videos featuring Chief Palmer, Deputy Chief Chow, and Dr. Erik Vu have been released over the past week.

- A second video from DCC Chow addressing all staff was released today – periodic video updates will continue moving forward.
- In addition, the Health & Safety Unit has released a video today reminding staff on to how to use a VPD issued respirator.

All videos can be accessed from your home or mobile device via the VPD's COVID-19 VPDemerg website (vpdemerg.ca – Password: **Nitro**) or on the COVID-19 Intranet page:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/default.aspx>

PPE Supply

The VPD has worked to secure a steady supply of PPE, ensuring an ample supply is available to all staff.

REMINDER: All requests for PPE will be made through the chain of command to your Staff Sergeant who will distribute supplies as needed. All efforts must be made to plan and request supplies to your Staff Sergeant prior to end of day. After hours requests can be made to the Cambie DOC Liaison Officer until 2000 hours. After 2000 hours, requests can be made through the Spyglass Kiosk. Compliance is required to properly track inventory levels and assess future PPE needs.

Exceptions include:

- **ERS member requests** will go through their Section Assistant Olivia Kajander olivia.kajander@vpd.ca – (604-717-3278).
- **Fleet Services member requests** will go to either Hailey Lam hailey.lam@vpd.ca – (604-717-3595) or Peter Parmar peter.parmar@vpd.ca – (604-717-3594).

In an emergency only, the Duty Officer may provide PPE supplies.

Health and Wellness

CISM/Peer Support

As an ongoing and important reminder, the Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM)/Peer Support is available 24/7 should anyone be feeling anxiety or stress related to COVID-19.

- Sworn members can reach out to Ali Gailus (778-847-5452), Michele McKnight (778-227-0789), Dave Moe (604-404-9303) or any other team member. Their names/contact information can be accessed on the intranet:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/PeerSupport/Lists/Contacts/AllItems.aspx>

- Civilian members can reach out to Amanda Vetter (604-349-5713) or any other Civilian CISM team member. Their names/contact information can also be accessed on the intranet:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/CISMCivilian/Lists/CivilianCISMTeam/AllItems.aspx>

Furthermore, as a reminder in helping to deal with any additional stressors, we encourage members and their families to reach out to *Vancouver Beyond the Blue* (VBTB) - a peer-led, non-profit organization supporting and strengthening police families.

- Erica McKeddie is the contact person and can be reached at 778-229-3950 or by email info@vancouverbeyondtheblue.com.
- VBTB has a secure Facebook page where spouses/partners can connect and a website that provides resources.

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