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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 7, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 7, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the VPD's response remains fluid and adaptive, it is important that all VPD staff continue to follow the developing situation on a daily basis.

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.**

Key Updates for April 7, 2020

- A 60-room health facility has been created at the Buchan Hotel located at 1906 Haro St. in District 1 for Downtown Eastside patients with COVID-19. This address will be flagged with a CAD hazard and a Special Attention will be created. **Members should use caution (including PPE considerations) if police attendance is required at this location.**
- Another video with DCC Howard Chow addressing VPD staff regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation has been released today. These videos will continue to be shared periodically as the COVID-19 situation develops.

Government Updates for April 7, 2020

Provincial Update – Remains in State of Emergency

- There have been 25 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the British Columbia total to 1,291 since the outbreak.

Operational Considerations

COVID-19 Care Facility

A 60-room COVID-19 care facility has been created in the Buchan Hotel (1906 Haro St) in District 1 to be used by Vancouver Coastal Health to treat DTES residents in an effort to prevent expanded community transmission of COVID-19.

- Rooms will be provided for DTES residents with mild COVID-19 symptoms who might need to be isolated, but don't require hospitalization.

Members should use caution (including PPE considerations) if police attendance is required at this location. This location will be flagged with a CAD hazard and a Special Attention for information.

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 two weeks.

- A third video from DCC Chow addressing all staff was released today – periodic video updates will continue moving forward.

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>

Stanley Park Vehicle Access Closure

REMINDER: Effective April 8, 2020, to reduce traffic and crowding in Stanley Park, vehicle access will be closed to the public, with only authorized staff, stakeholders, and emergency personnel granted entrance.

- The closure will be implemented via physical barriers and signage at key access points to the Park, primarily by Park Rangers and Securiguards.
- The Stanley Park Causeway (Highway 99) will remain open.

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>

Vancouver Beyond the Blue

We also continue to 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.

Reminder: Accessing Key COVID-19 Information

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

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