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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 8, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 8, 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 8, 2020

- Some local hotels are offering discounted rates to VPD members who reside with others and wish to self-isolate away from home for a period of time.

Government Updates for April 8, 2020

Provincial Update – Remains in State of Emergency

- There have been 45 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the British Columbia total to 1,336 since the outbreak.

Operational Considerations

DTES COVID-19 Care Facility – The Buchan Hotel

A 60-room COVID-19 health 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.
- As of yesterday, there was only one patient.

Members should use extreme caution (including PPE) if police attendance is required at this location. For member safety, this location will be flagged with a CAD hazard and a Special Attention.

Discount Hotel Lodging

Members who reside with others and wish to self-isolate away from home may consider doing so at a local hotel with discounted rates. The Pandemic Working Group has been in contact with hotels in the region and many have expressed a desire to support first responders during the pandemic.

- Please be advised that this offer is only to be used by VPD staff, to self-isolate away from those they live with as a result of COVID-19 concerns.
- When booking a hotel, members are reminded that most properties are operating with limited service (housekeeping) and amenities.

For more information, or to obtain a list of participating hotels, please contact Cst. Barb Martens at barbara.martens@vpd.ca or (778) 837-6531.

Complimentary Sparkling Water for VPD Staff

To support first responders, Sparkmouth Sparkling Water has donated cases of their product to all VPD staff. There are multiple flavours located on two pallets next to the Spyglass Kiosk office. Please take by the case only.

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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