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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 11, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 11, 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 11, 2020

- Another member has tested positive for COVID-19. The member is recovering at home, and receiving guidance and support from the VPD, including HR and the Pandemic Working Group.

Government Updates for April 11, 2020

Provincial Update – Remains in State of Emergency

- There have been 35 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the British Columbia total to 1,445 since the outbreak.

Health and Wellness

Confirmed COVID-19 Case

The VPD confirmed another case of COVID-19 among its staff. Earlier this week, an odd-side patrol member began to experience symptoms while at home – the member had no symptoms while on duty. The member contacted Telus Health and received testing which subsequently came back positive.

The member was last at work on April 3, 2020 – eight days ago. Medical experts have been engaged and the VPD's exposure protocols have been enacted. The Department has spoken with all other members that were in close contact with the affected member. All members that had close contact are currently self-isolating at home.

REMINDER: All staff are reminded that if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or if they have any questions or concerns about their health or that of their family, **they should contact their family doctor or make use of TELUS Health:**

<https://info.copemanhealthcare.com/telus-medical-help-line>

VPD members are also reminded to contact HR if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Increased COVID-19 Testing Availability for First Responders

REMINDER: The Public Health Officer has expanded COVID-19 testing to a broader portion of the population, including first responders. VPD members can be referred for testing by a physician if they are symptomatic, which includes a fever over 38 degrees and the onset of coughing or shortness of breath.

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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