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(INSPECTOR RANDY BELL)**

**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 12, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 12, 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 12, 2020

- In consultation with medical experts, the VPD has developed Return to Work Protocols.

Operational Considerations

VPD Return to Work Protocols

The VPD has developed Return to Work Protocols as guidelines for members returning to work following self-isolation. These protocols are divided into the following three categories:

Category A – Members **with Symptoms and/or Test Positive for COVID-19**

- Do not return to work until symptom resolution.

Category B – Members **with Symptom Resolution**

- May return to work after 10 days from the **onset** of symptoms:
 - A COVID-19 negative test is not required for return to work even if a previous test was positive.

Category C – Members **without Symptoms but had a Close Contact Exposure**

- Self-isolate for 14 days:
 - May return to work if it is determined, within the 14 day period, that the source of the close contact exposure tested negative for COVID-19.

If any uncertainties exist, please consult with your physician or Telus Health prior to returning to work.

Further details on the Return to Work Protocols can be found at:

- <https://vpdemerg.ca/>
- <http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/Bulletins/Return-to-Work-Protocol-for-members.pdf>
- GO 2020-54066

Health and Wellness

Increased COVID-19 Testing Availability for First Responders

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.

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.

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.

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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