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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 13, 2020**

Key Updates for April 13, 2020

- In consultation with medical experts, the VPD has developed additional guidelines on dealing with sudden deaths.
- An infographic detailing how to remove PPE is now available.

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 13, 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.**

Operational Considerations

Sudden Death Guidelines

In order to allow members to safely respond to sudden death calls, in consultation with medical experts, the Pandemic Working Group has developed sudden death guidelines for a variety of scenarios. Guidelines include:

- A single death at a single residence (deceased is lone occupant, e.g. rooming house, apartment building).
- A single death at a single residence, where other family/friends are present and living.
- Multiple deaths at a single residence (e.g. long term care home).
- Multiple deaths at a single residence/area that is not a care home.
- Multiple deaths at separate residences.

In addition, these guidelines outline appropriate PPE when responding to sudden death calls.

NOTE: TYVEX coveralls are not considered necessary at this time based on medical advice. However, if members feel they will be exposed for a prolonged period of time, or they feel that they require extra protection, they can obtain TYVEX coveralls through the standard channels of obtaining PPE.

These guidelines will be uploaded to the COVID-19 intranet site and to GO 2020-54066. For immediate reference if required, the guidelines are attached to this message pending update to the intranet/ PRIME files.

PPE Removal Guidelines

The proper removal of PPE is important to ensure that members do not contaminate themselves or others. A [step-by-step infographic on how to properly remove PPE](#) for VPD members has been produced and covers the removal of googles, masks, gloves, and coveralls (in the rare cases TYVEX coveralls are required).

Health and Wellness

CISM/Peer Support

Members are reminded that if they require support during the COVID-19 crisis they can contact CISM/Peer Support and *Vancouver Beyond the Blue*. Information on these services and other supports and can be found on the COVID-19 intranet website and on vpdemerg.ca.

Accessing Key COVID-19 Information

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:	Go to vpdemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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