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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 15, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 15, 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.

Key Updates for April 15, 2020

- Additional details on the COVID-19 *Operational Staffing Plan* are now available in a PowerPoint presentation. This can be accessed on the COVID-19 Intranet page or VPDemerg.ca.
- A drive-through COVID-19 testing site dedicated to VPD members is now being provided by TELUS Health.
- When submitting walk-through warrants, members are reminded to explicitly label the attachments envelope in order to ensure timely processing of these files by Crown Counsel.

Operational Considerations

At this time, **VPD members' 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 Staffing Plan

On April 8, 2020, the VPD began implementation of the *Operational Staffing Plan* to provide systematic relief to patrol officers, while ensuring officer safety and public safety through the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan engages officers from across all Divisions and will provide additional support to supplement patrol strength for all patrol teams and BET. Implementation continues and details on deployment have now been finalized. Members who have been impacted have already been contacted. **A PowerPoint slide deck is now available that provides more details about the redeployment plan.** This can be accessed on VPDemerg.ca or the VPD's COVID-19 Intranet page:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/default.aspx>

Dedicated Testing Provided by TELUS Health

The VPD continues to ensure timely medical access for all staff as a priority. In addition to the Medical Health Line, **TELUS Health will be providing dedicated testing for VPD staff.** Effective immediately, members requiring testing for COVID-19 will be able to access dedicated drive-through testing as an alternative to other testing sites.

- Members should **use the [TELUS Health](#) system** and the TELUS Health doctors will determine if testing is required.
- If testing is required, members will be **directed to either the TELUS Health drive-through testing site or other testing sites** depending on the circumstance and the doctor's medical opinion.
- The dedicated testing site is set up at **380 E 10th Avenue, Vancouver** and will be facilitated out of a mobile testing unit, operating **Mon, Wed, and Fri from 11am to 1pm. Members must have a referral.**
- As this testing site is drive-through, it will limit members' exposure to others.
- The tests administered at this site will be handled and processed in the same manner as all other COVID-19 tests.

Walk-through Warrants

KEY REMINDER: Members are reminded that when submitting walk-through warrants, these files should be marked explicitly in order to ensure they are reviewed in a timely manner.

- Submitting members should clearly indicate on the attachments envelope (with a sticky note, marker, etc.) that the file is a walk-through warrant so that it can be processed immediately by Police Crown Liaison and Crown Counsel.
- Please note that nothing has changed with regards to the weekend or weekday processes. During weekdays, members are still being accepted in person by Crown Counsel and JPs to swear information; however, during the COVID-19 pandemic this remains subject to change.

Integrated Quarantine Act Response and Support Team

REMINDER: The VPD is actively supporting Quarantine Act compliance by providing members to the Integrated Quarantine Act Response and Support Team (IQARAS). Four VPD members have been seconded to the IQARAS which is housed out of Transit Police Headquarters in New Westminster.

- This multi-jurisdictional team is responsible for ensuring that returning travelers comply with the mandatory 14-day quarantine period.
- The goal of IQARS is to monitor and educate returning travelers and gain their compliance to quarantine. Enforcement will be used as a last resort and only at the request of the Public Health Agency Canada (PHAC).
- VPD Patrol may be requested to assist IQARAS if they are conducting physical checks of recent travelers, who reside in the city of Vancouver. However, any enforcement under the Federal Quarantine Act will be conducted by IQARAS.

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
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	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 VPDeemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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