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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 17, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 17, 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 17, 2020

- A video from VPD Constable Parm Dhesi was released today addressing VPD staff on his personal experience regarding his COVID-19 diagnosis, recovery and return to work.
- Locker assignments are being reassessed to accommodate the needs of members being redeployed to Patrol.

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.**

COVID-19 Videos

Periodic video updates from the Operations Division and other VPD staff will continue. In today's video update, Constable Dhesi, the first VPD member diagnosed with COVID-19, speaks candidly about his experience, including his diagnosis, recovery and return to work.

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

Staff working remotely are encouraged to access the video from VPDemerg.ca (password **Nitro**):

<https://vpdemerg.ca/latest-updates/>

Locker Assignments

Locker needs are currently being assessed for members being re-deployed to support Patrol. Due to limited locker availability, all members should only have one locker assigned to them. This locker should be based out of their assigned working location. This will ensure that there will continue to be enough lockers for all members.

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 phone:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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