

**FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF
THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP**

**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: August 5th, 2021**

The following will provide an update on some key developments for the week of August 5th, 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Vancouver Police Department'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

- Clean Gear Hyperion Machine
- Centralized PPE Locations – Coming Soon
- Returning to the Workplace

Clean Gear Hyperion Machine

The Clean Gear Hyperion Machine has arrived at 2120 Cambie St. The machine is located on P2 in the NCO parking area and will be ready for use in the coming weeks. Once the machine is fully operational, employees will be able to sanitize uniform items, duty belts, boots, helmets and masks in one 15 minute cycle. Instructions on how to operate the Hyperion will be provided once the machine is setup for use. Thank you to the Vancouver Police Foundation for the donation of this machine.

Centralized PPE Locations – Coming Soon

Employees will soon be able access PPE at one of the centralized PPE locations throughout the department. Each of the Vancouver Police Department facilities will be outfitted with one central location where all employees can access PPE. At each location you will find masks, gloves, safety glasses, hand sanitizer, surface wipes, and enhanced PPE kits.

Returning to the Workplace

Working from home is managed on a case-by-case basis at a supervisory level. If a manager or supervisor has established that an employee can work from home (particularly during COVID-19) it will also be that manager's responsibility to determine when that employee should return to their workplace. Managers must also ensure there is sufficient physical space for all returning employees.

Section managers are reminded that the Pandemic Working Group does not determine if and when an employee can work from home and when that employee will return to their workplace.

Health and Wellness

CISM/Peer Support

Members are reminded that if they require support during the COVID-19 pandemic, they can contact CISM/Peer Support and *Vancouver Beyond the Blue*. Information on these services and other supports 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:	Weekly Situation Reports distributed to your VPD email address
From home or cell:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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