

Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update: August 6, 2020

FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: August 6, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of August 6, 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 August 6, 2020

- Positive COVID-19 Test
- Continued Awareness of COVID-19 Prevention Protocols
- Reminder of COVID-19 Exposure Protocols

Operational Considerations

As an ongoing reminder, the VPD will not be taking the lead on any enforcement action regarding Federal, Provincial, and Municipal COVID-19 related orders. **Any enforcement action in relation to COVID-19 orders requires Car 10 approval.**

Positive COVID-19 Test

The VPD has received confirmation that another member has tested positive for COVID-19. This positive test is connected to the messaging sent on July 31, 2020. Upon learning that the initial member had tested positive, the other member took the initiative to be tested, which also came back positive. The two members are doing well, recovering and self-isolating at home, and receiving guidance and support from the VPD.

Reminder of COVID-19 Prevention Protocols

Staff are reminded to maintain their mindfulness and diligence with respect to the necessary COVID-19 protocols to protect themselves, including the following:

- Practice social distancing and avoid large crowds. Maintain 2 meters of distance between each employee. This includes common areas such as washrooms, meeting rooms, and elevators, as well as workstations.
- If proper physical distancing cannot be maintained, staff are required to wear appropriate PPE (i.e.: mask). Usage of PPE in these circumstances is required when dealing with the public, as well as interactions with sworn and civilian staff;

- Attendance at staff meetings must comply with COVID-19 protocols; proper physical distancing must be adhered to, or otherwise proper PPE must be worn during the meetings. Alternatives should be explored, such as remote attendance, or other locations (for example, outside parades for patrol, larger meeting spaces;
- Clean and disinfect workspace surfaces and items.
- Avoid the use of, or take precaution in, accessing shared personal spaces and objects (kitchens, common areas, dining areas, desks, shared sleeping spaces, doorknobs, and faucets).

Reminder of COVID-19 Exposure Protocols

Staff are reminded of the COVID-19 exposure protocols they must properly follow to avoid further contamination and spread of the virus through the department. Decontamination must be completed prior to engaging with other VPD staff members, and prior to going home to self-isolate. For instructions on proper decontamination, please follow the link from the VPD COVID-19 webpage:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/Bulletins/Forms/Checklists.aspx>

These instructions can also be accessed on the VPDEmerg internet page under “Information – Exposure and Decontamination”, and on the VPD PRIME GO 2020-54066.

Vehicle cleaning

Members are reminded to wipe down their vehicles at the start of every shift and throughout their shift as needed. PPE and cleaning supplies continue to be available at the kiosk.

Patrol vehicles are sanitized once a day with Vital Oxide, which has been confirmed as effective against COVID-19. A yellow sticker on the wheel indicates that the vehicle has been disinfected. Any vehicle suspected to have been in contact with the virus will be removed from service and professionally decontaminated by First Trauma before being returned to service.

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
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From your email:	Weekly 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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