

FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: August 20, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of August 20, 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 20, 2020

- Use of appropriate PPE in situations where it is operationally unavoidable to maintain physical distancing with each other and the public
- Calls for Service / Answers to Questions Related to the Quarantine Act
- Annex gymnasium use
- Weight Room
- Workstation cleaning
- 811/Testing for members

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.**

Use of appropriate PPE in situations where it is operationally unavoidable to maintain physical distancing with each other and the public

Members are reminded to wear the appropriate PPE in situations where it is operationally unavoidable to maintain proper physical distancing with each other and the public. The VPD has ample supplies of surgical masks, which are available to all members for operational use. As a reminder, the existing procedures to obtain PPE are still in effect.

[PPE Requests](#)

Alternative face coverings such as bandanas/neck gaiters are NOT considered appropriate or effective PPE, and should not be used for protection in COVID-19 related police calls to service. Further, bandanas/neck gaiters are not recommended nor approved as a uniform item to be worn while on duty.

Calls for Service / Answers to Questions Related to the Quarantine Act

When VPD staff are responding to police service calls or public queries regarding quarantine related matters (e.g. a neighbour has returned from international travel and is not self-isolating), the following guidelines apply:

- 1) Contact the CBSA Warrant Response Centre at 1-800-523-5072;
 - a. They will advise if the subject of complaint is required to follow any requirements under the Quarantine Act.
- 2) If necessary, contact the SOC over the phone (if possible) and advise the SOC that it has been confirmed by the CBSA that they are supposed to abide by the requirements of the Quarantine Act. Inquire if they are aware of these requirements and advise them that officers may be attending their residence to check compliance;
- 3) As patrol, our response is purely “educational” and the SOC should only be advised. We do not have the ability to enforce the Quarantine Act without direction from the Public Health Officer;
- 4) Complete a GO report and flag it as Covid-19 related;
- 5) Send only the GO number and associated residential address to the following e-mail:
E_DEOC_INTAKE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca – do not send the police report;
- 6) The Quarantine Team will then review the information and decide if and what further action will be taken.

These guidelines will remain in place pending further update from the Pandemic Working Group or specific direction from Car 10.

Work Station Cleaning

It is essential that shared work stations are sanitized before and after each individual use to maintain cleanliness. Wipes and signage have been placed at each individual work station in all VPD facilities. Staff are reminded to clean their work stations before and after use to help maintain a clean and safe working environment.

Annex Gymnasium

Sworn and civilian members are reminded that the annex gymnasium is only to be used for individual exercise. Team sports and activities are not permitted in the annex gymnasium. The equipment stored in the POPAT equipment room is restricted access to Physical Health and Performance Team members.

Weight Rooms

Staff are reminded to follow the rules and guidelines set out for weight room use, including:

- You will only be able to sign-up for ONE SESSION per day.
- If you are late to your scheduled weight room time, your time does not get “extended” at the end.

Failure to comply may lead to reduced capacity or revocation of privileges.

Weight room capacities and hours remain strictly enforced:

- Cambie: **8 people** open 05:30 – 21:30
- Annex: **4 people** open 05:30 – 21:30
- Graveley: **6 people** open 05:30 – 21:30

Suspected Exposure or Illness

Any members experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or requiring medical advice relating to COVID-19 are advised to contact their physician or HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 and follow the direction of a medical professional. Members directed to self-isolate or undergo a COVID-19 test should inform Human Resources at their earliest convenience.

[EXPOSURE FLOW CHART](#)

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 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 the road:	VPD GO 2020-54066 accessible by MDT
From home or cell:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro



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