

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: August 26th, 2021

The following will provide an update on some key developments that were announced earlier this week 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

- COVID-19 Vaccinations
- VPD Mask Protocol
- Visitor Mask Protocol
- Self-Assessment Check
- Centralized PPE Locations

COVID-19 Vaccinations

By order of the PHO, proof of vaccination will be required to access some events, services and businesses. Starting September 13th, you must have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By October 24th, you must be fully vaccinated.

The requirement applies to all people born in 2009 or earlier (12+) and covers:

- Indoor ticketed concerts, theatre, dance, symphony and sporting events
- Indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants, pubs and bars
- Nightclubs and casinos
- Movie theatres
- Gyms, pools and recreation facilities
- Does not include youth recreational sport
- Indoor high intensity group exercise
- Indoor organized gatherings like weddings, parties, conferences, meetings and workshops
- Indoor organized group recreational classes and activities like pottery and art
- Does not include K to 12 school and before and after school programs
- Post-secondary on-campus student housing. Note: Students must be partially vaccinated by September 7

Events, businesses and services will ask to see your proof of vaccination and valid government ID.

The requirement is in place until January 31, 2022, subject to extension.

For information on how to register and book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated

VPD Mask Protocol

As per the Public Health order that was implemented on August 25th, 2021, all Vancouver Police Department employees are required to wear a mask in the following indoor areas of the VPD:

- Public Service Unit areas that are accessible to the public – the Cambie HQ and Graveley HQ public lobby;
- All indoor areas of the VPD that are accessible to the public;
- Graveley Cafeteria (unless seated); and
- Vancouver Police Jail, when interacting with a member of the public.

All employees must wear a mask when interacting with a member of the public while indoors at a VPD facility.

With exception to the above areas and circumstances, the Vancouver Police Department recommends the wearing of a face covering while in common areas and workspaces in all VPD facilities.

Masks in the Gyms

Masks are recommended in all VPD gym facilities however are not required.

For full details, please see the [VPD Mask Protocol](#) on the COVID-19 section of the VPD Intranet.

Visitor Mask Protocol

All visitors of the Vancouver Police Department are required to wear a mask while inside of a VPD facility unless the visitor is eating or drinking.

Self-Assessment Check

This is a reminder to complete the VPD Self-Assessment prior to attending work. Do not come to work if you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 related symptoms listed in the self-assessment.

If you are experiencing any symptoms listed [HERE](#), do not come to work. Contact 811 or your medical provider and then notify your supervisor of the medical direction received.

Centralized PPE Locations

PPE is located at each of the following locations:

1. Property Office – Report Writing Room
2. 2120 Cambie Street – 5th Floor Report Writing Room
3. 1570 Kootenay Street – Ground Floor Report Writing Room
4. 3585 Graveley Street – 2nd Floor, outside of the kiosk
5. 236 E Cordova Street – BET Radio Room and the 3rd Floor Report Writing Room
6. Marine Unit – 2nd Floor Main Office
7. Mounted Unit – Ground Floor Kitchen/Lounge
8. Dog Squad – Ground Floor Main Office
9. Spyglass/TA Trailers – Inside the entrance, upon request.

Each centralized location contains the following items of PPE:

1. Surgical masks (blue and black)
2. Gloves
3. Safety glasses
4. Enhanced PPE Kits
5. 115ml Hand Sanitizer
6. 621ml Hand Sanitizer
7. Anti-viral / anti-bacterial hard surface wipes
8. Anti-bacterial porous surface (hand) wipes
9. Replacement wall bladders for hand sanitizer wall dispensers

A designated employee has been assigned to maintain sufficient stock at each of the above locations. When stock is low, the Purchase and Inventory Unit will order more supplies. The VPD duty driver will deliver stock to each location.

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
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	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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