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THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP**

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: February 4th, 2021

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of February 4th, 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 for February 4th, 2021

- VPD Mask Protocol
- **VPD Gym Facilities – Requirements To Continue Operation**
- Emergency Program Act – *Special Sports Broadcast / Super Bowl Event Enforcement*
- SportsCardiology Testing

VPD Mask Protocol

All Vancouver Police Department employees are required to wear a surgical or non-medical mask while inside VPD facilities, **this includes all meetings and patrol briefings**. The only exceptions for not wearing a mask while inside a VPD facility are while you are at your desk or workstation while physically distanced, eating and/or drinking and while actively using a cardio machine in the gym.

VPD Gym Facilities – Requirements to Continue Operation

The PWG has received numerous internal and external complaints regarding non-compliance with the mandatory workplace protocols, specifically related to the gyms.

The following is required to continue the operation of VPD Gym Facilities:

- 1) All employees must sign up with the electronic gym schedule, regardless of capacity levels in the gym – only employees who have confirmed time slots are permitted in the gym facilities, during that time slot;
- 2) Employees must not stay past their 60 minute scheduled time slot, regardless of when they commenced their workout;
- 3) Masks are required to be worn at ALL TIMES with the exception of while actively using a cardio machine or drinking water.

The electronic scheduling process is not only to facilitate fair usage of the facilities, but is also mandated by the Public Health Authority and WorkSafeBC protocols for contact tracing purposes.

This is the final warning. If these protocols are not adhered to, all gyms will be closed for a minimum of one week to assess reopening requirements. If non-compliance continues, the gyms will be closed indefinitely.

Emergency Program Act – Special Sports Broadcast / Super Bowl Event Enforcement

The following provides a reminder on the current Public Health Orders related to food and liquor serving premises when showing special sports broadcasts.

A prohibited event may be occurring in food and liquor serving premises if the establishment is engaged in actions other than its regular operations of serving food and/or drink to customers. If people are being invited for a common purpose of viewing a broadcast, like the Super Bowl, this could go beyond the usual business operations which may constitute a ticketable offence. When considering enforcement actions, there are many factors to consider and it is important to assess each circumstance independently, based on its own merits.

Violation Tickets at \$2300 can be issued under s.4 (1) or s.4 (2) of the Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order made under the *Emergency Program Act*.

Emergency Program Act – Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order	Provision
Organize or Host Non-Compliant Event	Section 4 (1)
Permit Place to be Used for Non-Compliant Event	Section 4 (2)

Food and liquor serving premises must operate in compliance with the conditions in the Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order. Failure to do so is an offence under s. 3 (1) of the Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order.

Patrons in food and liquor serving premises also have a responsibility to adhere to the [Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order](#) and the [Gatherings and Events Order](#). Patron offences in the Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order include:

- Section 3 (2): Patron Failing to Comply with Food and Liquor Condition (e.g. not staying in the seat they are assigned, moving from table to table.);
- Section 6 (1): Fail to Comply with Direction; and
- Section 6 (2): Abusive or Belligerent Behaviour

For further information about Covid-19 related enforcement, please see the [VPD EPA Enforcement Guidelines](#) on the VPD Covid-19 Intranet Site.

SportsCardiology Testing at the Annex

A reminder that the gymnasium facility at the Annex is being used for the SportsCardiology testing for most days through February and March. While the testing is occurring, the gymnasium is closed. Members cannot access the gym via the back stairs while the screening is occurring. The SportsCardiology screening program requires privacy for all participants.

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 [VPD Covid-19 Intranet Site](#) 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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