

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: February 11th, 2021

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of February 11th, 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 11th, 2021

- VPD Employees Test Positive for COVID-19
- VPD Mandatory Mask Protocol
- Gym Schedule – Signing up with VPD Issued Phones
- Gym Sign-up – iPad Sign-Up at Gyms
- Canada / USA Land Border Crossing – Covid-19 Test Required

VPD EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Two VPD employees have tested positive for Covid-19 this week. The employees are following medical advice and self-isolating as per protocol. Human Resources and the Pandemic Working Group have taken all steps necessary to ensure the exposure is contained. Any further employee required to self-isolate will be contacted by the Public Health Authority and/or Human Resources.

All employees are reminded for the need to adhere to the VPD Operational Safety Guidelines, Mask Protocol, and to respect the occupancy capacity limits set for rooms and elevators. These protocols and guidelines help ensure the safety of all VPD staff.

All employees must follow the [VPD Covid-19 Exposure Flowchart](#) if they believe they may have been exposed to someone who has or is suspected of having COVID-19. Any VPD employee who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or requires medical advice related to COVID-19 should call 811 or their physician and follow the direction of a medical professional.

VPD MANDATORY MASK PROTOCOL

All VPD employees are reminded that they are **required** to wear a surgical or non-medical mask while inside VPD facilities, except while seated at their desk. This includes meetings, hallways, elevators, gyms, cafeterias, and **while in parade briefings**.

Please adhere to the [VPD Mask Information and Protocol](#) at all times.

GYM SCHEDULE – SIGNING UP WITH VPD ISSUED PHONES

VPD employees are advised that if they have a VPD issued phone with access to the internal Intranet, they are able to sign up for the gym using the VPD Gym Schedule for Edge Browser in the following way;

1. Log in and open the browser to access the Intranet;
2. On the front page of the Intranet, see the “Gym Scheduler for Edge Browser” link; and
3. Open the link and follow directions for log-in.



GYM SIGN-UP – IPAD SIGN-UP AT GYMS

VPD employees are advised that an iPad has been placed outside the 2120 gym for sign-up convenience. An iPad will be set up at the Graveley and Annex gyms soon. A step-by-step guide to sign-up for and delete gym reservations with the iPad has been posted.

CANADA / USA LAND BORDER CROSSING – COVID-19 TEST REQUIRED

On February 9th, 2021 Prime Minister Trudeau announced that as of Monday, February 15th, 2021, Canadians crossing into Canada through the US border by land will be required to show a recent negative COVID-19 test result. While Canadians cannot be stopped from entering Canada without a negative test, failure to provide one can result in fines up to \$3,000.

The announcement specified that this requirement is directed at non-essential travelers, and should have no impact on VPD employees who reside in the US and must cross the land border into Canada to carry out their essential duties as law enforcement.

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
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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