

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: January 7th, 2021

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of January 7th, 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 January 7th, 2021

- OFFICER SAFETY – Opus Hotel at 322 Davie St – Covid-19 Designated Floors
- REMINDER – VPD Mask Protocol
- Emergency Program Act – *Updated Enforcement Authority*
- Sani Sport Disinfectant
- VPD Protocol for Covid-19 Exposure

OFFICER SAFETY – Opus Hotel at 322 Davie St – Covid-19 Designated Floors

Please be advised that the Opus Hotel at 322 Davie St has a designated floor for Covid-19 positive cases and a designated floor for Covid-19 contacts. Please take extra caution, in addition to all of the PPE protocols, when attending this location.

REMINDER – VPD Mask Protocol

This is a reminder that **ALL** Vancouver Police Department employees are required to wear a surgical or non-medical mask while inside VPD facilities, except while seated at your desk. This includes the entry foyers, hallways, elevators, gyms and cafeterias (except while eating or drinking). Please see the VPD Mask Information and Protocol here for more details:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/Bulletins/VPD-Mask-Information-Protocol.pdf>

Emergency Program Act – *Updated Enforcement Authority*

All current enforcement sections can be found on the VPD Intranet COVID-19 Site under the [EPA Enforcement Guidelines](#) tab. Here you will find all of the information you need to issue violation tickets related to COVID-19.

Sani Sport Disinfectant

VPD Employees are advised the Sani Sport disinfectant machines, currently located at the Annex, Jail, TTC and Canine Unit office, are not proven effective in killing the Covid-19 virus. Additionally members are reminded that Kevlar Vests are NOT permitted inside the Sani Sport Machine.

VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure

All Vancouver Police Department employees must utilize 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 employee of the VPD who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or require medical advice relating to COVID-19 should call 811 or their physician and follow the direction of a medical professional.

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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