

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: January 14th, 2021

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of January 14th, 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 14th, 2021

- Emergency Program Act – *Updated Enforcement Authority* [as of January 8th]
- UCR Code change for the Emergency Program Act
- VPD Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19
- VPD Travel Protocol
- Cycle One COVID-19 Safety Measures

EMERGENCY PROGRAM ACT – UPDATED ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Please be advised that the following changes to the Orders used to issue violation tickets related to COVID-19 offences are **effective as of January 8, 2021**.

Two new enforcement orders (the "EPA Orders") have been made under the Emergency Program Act (EPA):

1. The Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order; and
2. The Face Coverings (COVID-19) Order.

The Covid-19 Related Measures Act (CRMA) has been repealed and violation tickets will no longer be issued under this Act. All violation tickets will now be issued under the Protective Measures Order or the Face Coverings Order under the EPA.

These changes are for offences that occur on or *after January 8, 2021*.

Please see the updated VPD COVID-19 [EPA Enforcement Guidelines](#) link, which can also be found on the VPD's Intranet COVID-19 site. This document outlines all of the offences that can be used to issue a violation ticket for a COVID-19 related offence.

UCR CODE CHANGE FOR THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM ACT

REPORTING:

CAD CALLS: As of November 4th, 2020 all CAD calls related to the Emergency Program Act will be listed as, **Assist Emergency Program Act (ASSEPA)**.

UCR in PRIME Reports: We are asking all calls for service are documented in PRIME. The UCR code that will be used for the time being is: **7300-50 Emergency Management ACT/REGS**

STATUTE: **EMERGENCY PROGRAM ACT (EM)**

STUDY FIELD: COVID-19

VPD EMPLOYEE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

On January 13th, 2021 a VPD employee tested positive for Covid-19. The employee is following medical advice and is self-isolating as per protocol. Human Resources and the Pandemic Working Group have taken all steps to ensure the exposure is contained. Any further employee requiring to self-isolate will be contacted by the Public Health Authority. Please follow the [VPD Exposure Flow Chart](#). This includes direction from 811, your medical provider and/or the Public Health Office about the need to self-isolate.

All employees are reminded to adhere to the VPD Operational Safety Guidelines, Mask Protocols, and to respect the occupancy capacity limits set for rooms and elevators for everyone's safety. Additionally, PPE is available at all VPD facilities and employees must wear masks during meetings when social distancing is unpredictable or cannot be maintained.

VPD TRAVEL PROTOCOL

Please be advised of the following Vancouver Police Department Travel Protocol. All employees of the VPD must adhere to this protocol for all work related travel – this includes travel for an operational need and/or training. The following is required before any of these types of work-related travel:

Travel throughout the Lower Mainland / Fraser Valley

- Follow regular travel protocols and adhere to the [VPD Operational Safety Guidelines](#) that are currently in place;
- Pandemic Working Group notification is not required.

Travel outside of the Lower Mainland / Fraser Valley (within British Columbia)

- Follow regular travel protocols and adhere to the [VPD Operational Safety Guidelines](#) that are currently in place;
- Pandemic Working Group notification is required.

Travel outside of British Columbia (within Canada)

- Follow regular travel protocols and adhere to the [VPD Operational Safety Guidelines](#) that are currently in place;
- Approval from the Divisional Deputy Chief is required;

- Pandemic Working Group notification is required.

Travel to the United States

- Follow regular travel protocols and adhere to the [VPD Operational Safety Guidelines](#) that are currently in place;
- Approval from the Divisional Deputy Chief is required;
- Pandemic Working Group notification is required.

Travel to an International Destination (not USA)

- Follow regular travel protocols and adhere to the [VPD Operational Safety Guidelines](#) that are currently in place;
- Approval from the Chief Constable is required;
- Pandemic Working Group notification is required.

CYCLE ONE COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Members are advised that all COVID-19 Safety measures have been taken when designing the training parameters for Cycle One, which have been endorsed by the Pandemic Working Group and the BC Health Authority. Any contact members will have with role players do not meet the definition of close contact – as well, all role players are City of Vancouver employees and adhere to COVID-19 safety measures when attending work.

The following COVID-19 safety protocols are in place to ensure all members have a safe training experience.

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| • COVID-19 Screening Prior to Training | • Fresh Air & HVAC Ventilation Protocol |
| • Face Mask PPE | • Low Exertion Training |
| • Nitrile Gloves | • Max One Partner |
| • Safety Glasses | • Equipment Sanitization |
| • Physical Distancing Protocols | • Training Area Sanitization |
| • Stringent Hand Sanitizing Protocol | |

Members who feel unsafe to take part in the designed Cycle training are advised that, as qualifications must be met as set out by the BC Provincial Policing Standards, there may be limited alternative options for members to qualify on a “dummy” based on scheduling availability. Members who wish to take part in alternative training will need to speak with TTC staff individually.

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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