

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: January 21st, 2021

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of January 21st, 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 21st, 2021

- Emergency Program Act – *Updated Enforcement Authority*
- VPD COVID-19 Vaccination Roll-Out Plan
- VPD Decontamination Sites – Employee Responsibilities
- VPD Gym Facility – COVID-19 Compliance
- VPD Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

EMERGENCY PROGRAM ACT – UPDATED ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

Please see the 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 and instructions how to do so.

VPD COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLL-OUT PLAN

The PWG has been working on a COVID-19 Vaccination roll-out plan for the VPD. In the coming months, pending vaccination availability from Health Canada, the COVID-19 vaccine will begin dissemination to VPD employees. An internal distribution plan is being finalized, and the COVID-19 vaccine will be disseminated in a two-phase approach.

Updates will be made available to all staff once the information is finalized.

VPD DECONTAMINATION SITES – EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The VPD's PWG has established three working Decontamination Sites at the Annex, Jail, and 2120 Cambie St. The PWG requires that VPD employees who utilize the decontamination sites notify the PWG by email or phone once they have used the site so that it can be cleaned, re-stocked and prepared for the next exposure. VPD staff are reminded that all uniforms that go into a yellow

or red contamination bag are the responsibility of that member to be contained and deposited for cleaning at Shirtland Drycleaning as per the Health and Safety Unit's "*Cleaning of Infected or Contaminated Clothing*". The PWG will be responsible for dealing with used or replacement towels and resupplying any used PPE.

Further reminder to submit a VPD 1353 *WorkSafeBC Claims Report* form if you have had a workplace exposure that required use of a Decontamination Site.

VPD employees should not be using the Decontamination Sites for their personal use and leisure, including the use of the "Sani Sport" for personal or family sports equipment during the ongoing pandemic.

VPD GYM FACILITY – COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

Employees are reminded that the VPD gym sign-up is mandatory, and the maximum capacity is not flexible. These protocols have been implemented following the strict COVID-19 Safety Protocols directed by WorkSafeBC in order to ensure all VPD staff can continue to have access to VPD gym facilities.

The PWG has been made aware of instances in which VPD Gym facilities are over capacity, and employees are working out in close proximity without masks. This is **not** acceptable and further non-compliance may result in the closure all VPD gym Facilities.

VPD EMPLOYEE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

On January 21st, 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 or Human Resources.

All employees are reminded to adhere to the VPD Operational Safety Guidelines, Mask Protocol, and to respect the occupancy capacity limits set for rooms and elevators for everyone's safety. Additionally, PPE is available at all VPD facilities or requests can be made [here](#).

VPD PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE

All Vancouver Police Department 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 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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