

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

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

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

- VPD Employees Test Positive for COVID-19
- Masks Required When Not Eating/Drinking in Common Areas
- VPD COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
- Wall-mounted Hand Sanitizers
- Provincial Health Order Change
- Safety Protocol for COVID-19 PPE
- Cycle 2 Training – Online CPKN Course

VPD EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Since March 6th, 2021, three VPD employees have tested positive for COVID-19. The employees are following medical advice and self-isolating as per protocol. Human Resources and the Pandemic Working Group have taken all steps to ensure the exposure is contained. Any further employees requiring to self-isolate will be contacted by the Public Health Authority or the Human Resources Section. 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](#).

MASKS REQUIRED WHEN AWAY FROM PERSONAL WORKSTATION

All VPD employees are reminded that masks are required at all times within VPD facilities, except when seated at your personal workstation, actively eating or drinking or using cardio equipment inside a VPD gym facility. This includes when employees are away from their personal workstation, visiting other employees at their desks, sitting in the cafeteria or any other shared common space, regardless of purpose or duration.

Please refer to the [VPD Mask Protocol](#) for further review.

VPD COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

We encourage all employees take the time to educate themselves on the current approved vaccines in Canada. Please click on this [link](#) to review information on each vaccine, as provided by the Government of Canada. At this time, the PWG does not know which vaccine will be allotted for VPD employees.

Once the PWG receives relevant information regarding vaccine distribution for VPD employees, information will be communicated along with details about the VPD COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

Vaccinations are voluntary for all VPD employees. VPD employees that choose a different vaccine than the one offered at the VPD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic will have to wait in regular queues under the Provincial Vaccine Rollout Plan.

WALL-MOUNTED HAND SANITIZERS

Wall-mounted hand sanitizers containing Isagel have been installed in all VPD facilities for employee convenience. All employees are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer when entering VPD facilities, and after touching high traffic hard surfaces.

VPD COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL PPE

All VPD employees are reminded that optimal droplet protection for dealing with an individual who is confirmed to have COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms includes eye protection, gloves, long sleeves and a surgical mask.



VPD CYCLE 2 TRAINING – ONLINE CPKN COURSE

All VPD members are reminded that Cycle 2 has been scheduled for online training, and no COVID-19 risks are associated. Training will be taught through CPKN and will run between May and June.

PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDER CHANGE

All VPD members are advised that BC Provincial Health Orders have been amended to now allow social gatherings outdoors in groups of up to 10 people. The new order comes into effect immediately and still requires people to socially distance while outdoors but will allow people to gather at parks and on private property, including backyards. The gatherings should maintain the same 10 people over time and not different groups of 10 people.

There are no changes to the current indoor gatherings and all events and social gatherings province-wide remain banned.

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 [VPDeemerg.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 VPDeemerg.ca . Password: Nitro



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