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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: March 25, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments for March 25, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff are reminded that during this developing situation, the VPD's response will remain fluid and adaptive. As a result, **information and updates may change daily.**

According to Health Canada, though the risk varies between and within communities, given the increasing number of cases in Canada, **the COVID-19 risk to Canadians is now considered high.** This does not mean that all Canadians will get the disease. It means that there is already a significant impact on our health care system. If we do not flatten the epidemic curve now, the increase of COVID-19 cases could impact health care resources available to Canadians.

Critical information related to member safety and procedures are distributed by VPD Pandemic Working Group. The current health emergency is a rapidly evolving situation and members are advised to access this information on a daily basis.

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:	Daily Situation Reports distributed to your VPD email address
From the road:	VPD GO 2020-54066 accessible by MDT
From your cell phone:	Go to vpdemerg.ca . Password: vpd

Key Updates for March 25, 2020

- At this time, **VPD member's enforcement authorities remain unchanged** in relation to federal, provincial, and municipal government COVID-19 orders. **Members shall not take enforcement action unless approved by Car 10.**
- WorkSafe BC procedures are outlined below for exposure to confirmed/presumptive and suspected cases of COVID-19.
- VPD members can now access the West End Coal Harbour CPC.

Government Updates for March 25, 2020

Federal Update – Mandatory Isolation

- Effective midnight March 25, 2020, under the Federal Quarantine Act, anyone returning to Canada **must** self-isolate for two weeks, with the exception of some essential service workers.
- **At this time, VPD member's enforcement authorities remain unchanged – Members shall not take enforcement action unless approved by Car 10.**

Provincial Update – Remains in State of Emergency

- There have been 42 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the current British Columbia total to 659 since the outbreak.
- A total of 55 cases have now been identified at 1233 Haro Street, Vancouver (Haro Park Centre).
- **At this time, VPD member's enforcement authorities remain unchanged – Members shall not take enforcement action unless approved by Car 10.**

Operational Considerations

WorkSafe Exposure Procedures

Please note the following WorkSafe procedures for exposure to confirmed/presumptive and suspected cases of COVID-19:

- **For cases where members are exposed to a confirmed/presumptive case of COVID-19:**
 - Notify your immediate supervisor.
 - Follow proper decontamination procedures identified in the VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Flow Chart (**link below**).
 - Submit a WorkSafe form through your immediate supervisor to the WorkSafe Case Management Unit.
 - Refer to the VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Flow Chart for next steps (**link below**).
- **For cases where members are exposed to a suspected case of COVID-19:**
 - Notify your immediate supervisor.
 - Refer to the VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Flow Chart for next steps (**link below**).
 - Make notes of suspected exposure.
 - If symptoms manifest at a later date, submit a WorkSafe form through your immediate supervisor to the WorkSafe Case Management Unit.

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/default.aspx>

Community Policing Centres

VPD members can now access the West End Coal Harbour CPC, though it will remain closed to the public. Effective March 2020, all the CPCs were closed to the public. There are a total of six CPCs that are currently allowing access to police members:

- Collingwood
- Grandview Woodlands
- Kerrisdale/Oakridge/Marpole
- Kitsilano Fairview

- Strathcona
- West End Coal Harbour

REMINDER: Members accessing CPCs are asked to please ensure that the spaces they have used are left tidy.

Health and Wellness

WebEx Meetings

In order to facilitate social distancing, please be aware that the VPD has a number of alternatives to in-person meetings. These alternative include conference calls and secure web meetings. Secure web meetings can be run through WebEX and every employee is able to access these meetings. To host a meeting you will require a license. For more information on WebEX and how to obtain a license, please see the instructions in the following link:

<http://units.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/ICT/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=219>

CISM/Peer Support

As an ongoing and important reminder, the Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM)/Peer Support is available 24/7 should anyone be feeling anxiety or stress related to COVID-19.

- Sworn members can reach out to Ali Gailus (778-847-5452), Michele McKnight (778-227-0789), Dave Moe (604-404-9303) or any other team member. Their names/contact information can be accessed on the intranet:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/PeerSupport/Lists/Contacts/AllItems.aspx>

- Civilian members can reach out to Amanda Vetter (604-349-5713) or any other Civilian CISM team member. Their names/contact information can also be accessed on the intranet:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/CISMCivilian/Lists/CivilianCISMTeam/AllItems.aspx>



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