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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn  
COVID-19 Update: March 27, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments for March 27, 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.

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| <b>From your desk:</b>       | VPD's CoVID-19 Information & Updates webpage via the Intranet<br><a href="http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/default.aspx">http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/default.aspx</a> |
| <b>From your email:</b>      | Daily Situation Reports distributed to your VPD email address                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>From the road:</b>        | VPD GO 2020-54066 accessible by MDT                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>From your cell phone:</b> | Go to <a href="http://vpdemerg.ca">vpdemerg.ca</a> . <b>*New*</b> Password: Nitro                                                                                                                          |

**Key Updates for March 27, 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.**
- The VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Flow Chart has been expanded with updated Decontamination procedures.
- Decontamination showers are now located on **P1 level** at the Graveley facility and in the new **Decontamination Trailer** in the Spyglass kiosk lot.

**Government Updates for March 27, 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 67 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the current British Columbia total to 792 since the outbreak.
- **At this time, VPD member's enforcement authorities remain unchanged – Members shall not take enforcement action unless approved by Car 10.**

## Operational Considerations

### Updated Decontamination Protocols

In consultation with medical experts, the VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Flow Chart has been expanded to include a new decontamination protocol and an additional site located at Spyglass Kiosk (**link below**). Decontamination showers are now located:

- On **P1 level at the Graveley facility**; and
- In the new **Decontamination Trailer in the Spyglass kiosk lot.**

The new Flow Chart (effective March 27<sup>th</sup>) can be accessed on the COVID-19 Intranet page (**link below**) and on the VPD PRIME Report GO# 2020-54066 immediately. It will be accessible on the VPD's COVID-19 Internet website shortly ([vpdemerg.ca](http://vpdemerg.ca)).

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

### COVID-19 Internet Website for Staff

Effective Friday March.27, 2020, the VPD's COVID-19 Internet website will be password protected.

- The new password will be **Nitro** (with a capital N).

The website allows all staff without remote access capabilities to remain informed with pertinent COVID-19 updates as well as to access important resources related to the pandemic.

### Payroll Office Requests

The Payroll office remains open and available to all staff from Monday to Friday, 06:30 – 16:30. However, to limit contacts for all staff, if possible, members are requested to please email their designated Payroll staff member with any questions or concerns, rather than attending the Payroll office in person.

- If you need to drop-off forms or other documents, please consider scanning and emailing the forms first, and then submit the originals by internal mail.
- For any pick-up form requests, please email Payroll and they will send your requested forms via email or by internal mail.

## Health and Wellness

### 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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