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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: March 30, 2020**

In addition to today's earlier message, the following will provide an update on additional key developments for March 30, 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 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 home or cell phone:	Go to vpdemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

Key Updates for March 30, 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 that includes a new decontamination site at the Annex.
- Staff are reminded to complete a referral form as soon as possible if interested in using the CoV's Temporary Emergency Childcare for Essential Workers program.

Government Updates for March 30, 2020

Provincial Update – Remains in State of Emergency

- There have been 86 new COVID-19 cases since the last update on March 28, 2020, bringing the British Columbia total to 970 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 new decontamination protocols and an **additional decontamination site located at the Annex** (link below). Decontamination showers are now located at the following three locations:

- On **P1 level at the Graveley facility**;
- In the new **Decontamination Trailer in the Spyglass kiosk lot**; and
- In the **dedicated parking stall on P1 Level at the Annex**.

The new Flow Chart (effective March 29th) can be accessed on the COVID-19 intranet page (link below), on the VPD's COVID-19 internet website (vpdemerg.ca), and on the VPD PRIME Report GO# 2020-54066.

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

Temporary Emergency Childcare Available to VPD Employees

REMINDER: VPD members are encouraged to request a referral as soon as possible if interested in using the CoV's Temporary Emergency Childcare for Essential Workers program. The CoV launched this program on March 27, 2020 to further offer support to essential workers in response to COVID-19:

<https://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/temporary-emergency-childcare-referral-system-for-essential-workers-launches.aspx>

- **NOTE: The childcare locations will be located in Vancouver.**
- The referral system will connect all VPD employees and other essential service workers meeting the program's criteria, with licensed childcare providers that are open and available for childcare during this public health crisis (for children ages 0 to 12 years, including those with special needs).

Essential workers will be among those given first priority for this childcare program.

- However, please note that the number of spaces made available for emergency childcare will be at the discretion of each operator, within their licensed capacity and under health protocols. As available spaces are limited, receiving a referral does not guarantee a spot. Fees are to be paid to the operator directly, at a rate defined by the operator.

Those interested in this program are to register with the Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre (WCCRC) by completing the **form on the WCCRC website**.

- You will receive an email list of potential childcare options within a few days, based on availability, your needs, and preferred location(s).

Health and Wellness

As a follow-up to the earlier message regarding the VPD's first confirmed COVID-19 case among staff, the VPD is aware that this time can be stressful on members and their families and has been in contact with health care professionals to obtain information on how to best handle this situation. We strongly encourage you to speak with your family about this ongoing situation. When speaking with your family:

- Provide factual information.
- Listen and show understanding of any family members concerns.
- Give reassurance including reviewing the importance of hand washing and keeping social distance.
- Be calm and patient as this helps calm and reassure your loved ones.
- Once discussed, engage in fun and distracting activity.

As an ongoing support resource, 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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