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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: May 4, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for May 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the VPD'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 May 4, 2020

- A summary document of important court process changes continues to be available on PWG information platforms. An update is provided on telewarrant applications.
- A COVID-19 related exemption has been provided from ICBC for motorists holding valid out of province licences.

Operational Considerations

At this time, the VPD will not be taking the lead on any enforcement action regarding Federal, Provincial, and Municipal COVID-19 related orders. **Any enforcement action in relation to COVID-19 orders requires Car 10 approval.**

Court Process Changes

Updated May 4th, 2020 - the latest summary of the court processes which have been impacted by COVID-19 continue to be available in VPD GO 2020-54066 or the VPD's COVID-19 intranet page.

[Court Updates Document – May 4, 2020](#)

Of particular note, the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) advises that many routine applications should not be made via telecommunication because there is a risk any orders issued in contravention of the procedures in the Criminal Code (or in a manner not authorized by the Criminal Code) may not be valid. The PPSC suggests that requests for necessary in-person applications should be made to the Justice Centre by way of a drop-box or any other suitable social distancing protocols.

See the latest update via the link above for full details.

ICBC Out of Province Licence Exemptions

Effective May 1, 2020, as part of COVID-10 mitigation measures, ICBC has temporarily exempted out of province licence holders from the requirement to obtain a BC Driver's Licence when driving in BC. Out of province drivers are still required to hold a valid out of province licence.

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:	Daily Situation Reports distributed to your VPD email address
From the road:	VPD GO 2020-54066 accessible by MDT
From home or cell:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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