

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: May 6th, 2021

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of May 6th, 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

- COVID-19 Vaccination – 1st and 2nd Dose – **Update**
- VPD Employees Test Positive for COVID-19
- VPD Gym Facility Use
- Stay Home If Sick
- VPD Annex Gym – Closure
- Training Requirement – PWG68

COVID-19 VACCINATION – 1st and 2nd Dose – **UPDATE**

FIRST DOSE

All VPD employees are eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. Vancouver Coastal Health expects to complete the Essential Frontline Worker Vaccination Program by end of next week. VPD employees are encouraged to book appointments as they become available.

SECOND DOSE

All VPD employees are advised that in order to obtain your second COVID-19 dose, if you have not already done so, you are required to register with the provincial vaccination program.

All employees can register using this link provided: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>

[If accessing on VPD computers, use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge, not Internet Explorer]

Once registered, employees will be notified at a later date when they can book their second dose appointment. Your first dose will be logged in the system via your Personal Health Number to ensure that you are notified for your second dose during the appropriate time.

VPD EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Four VPD employees have tested positive for COVID-19 since last Friday. The last employee to test positive was on May 1st. VPD facilities at Graveley and Kootenay have had the confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The employees are following medical advice and are self-isolating as per protocol. Human Resources and the Pandemic Working Group have taken all steps to ensure the exposure is contained. The Public Health Authority and/or the Human Resources Section will contact any further employees who are required to self-isolate.

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.

VPD GYM FACILITY USE

VPD employees are reminded of the VPD gym facility protocol requiring all employees to sign-up for their training session. Masks must be properly worn at all times, covering mouth and nose, unless actively drinking.

Gym capacity limits are not optional.

See link for Gym Sign-up: [Gym Scheduler](#)

STAY HOME IF SICK

All VPD employees are reminded that they *must* complete a VPD Self-Assessment prior to entering any VPD facility or attending work. If an employee is feeling unwell, they must stay home.

There have been instances within the VPD where employees believed symptoms were associated to seasonal allergies, only to obtain a positive COVID-19 test later in the day. Even if an employee believes symptoms are allergy related, they must complete the self-assessment and stay home if they are feeling unwell.

See link for VPD Self-Assessment: [VPD Self-Assessment](#)

VPD ANNEX GYM – CLOSURE

The VPD Annex Gym remains closed, with the exception of approved and endorsed purposes through the Training Unit and/or the PWG. Updates will be provided once it is re-opened for general use.

TRAINING REQUIRING PWG68

All VPD training courses outside of the regular classroom environment (excluding ERS) require a complete PWG68 and endorsement from the PWG prior to training. This requirement is to ensure all training meets the COVID-19 Safety Protocols and WorkSafeBC guidelines.

See Link for PWG 68 Form; [PWG 68](#)

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:	Weekly Situation Reports distributed to your VPD email address
From home or cell:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro



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