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SILVER COMMAND
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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: May 8, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for May 8, 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 8, 2020

- Loaner Gore-Tex jackets are available for members whose jacket became contaminated.
- The first 32-day cycle of the *Operational Staffing Plan* starts May 9, 2020.

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.**

Loaner Gore-Tex Jacket Requests

IMPORTANT: Gore-Tex jackets are considered PPE. Loaner Gore-Tex jackets are available for members whose jacket became contaminated and who do not have a long-sleeve alternative. **All requests for loaner Gore-Tex jackets will be made through the chain of command to your Staff Sergeant who will distribute as needed.** After hours requests can be made to the DOC Liaison Officer until 1700 hours. After 1700 hours, emergency requests can be made through the Duty Officer.

PPE Protection

REMINDER: Members who encounter a subject with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 are reminded that they **MUST** wear the appropriate PPE, including a full uniform with long sleeves, surgical mask, eye protection, and gloves. This applies when escorting subjects to COVID-19 testing sites, for example. Wearing proper PPE when dealing with COVID-related calls and subjects is beneficial, not only because it contributes to protect the health of all officers involved, but also because it provides additional safety benefits for the people around them and sends a positive signal to our partners in outside agencies (including medical staff).

Operational Staffing Plan

REMINDER: In accordance with the *Operational Staffing Plan* that the VPD began implementing on April 8, 2020, officers from across all Divisions will supplement all patrol teams and BET starting May 9, 2020.

- Two new “Alpha” teams (Even and Odd) and eight new “Bravo” teams (two per district) have been created. One NCO and five constables have also been added to each of the four BET teams.
- As communicated to Patrol NCOs on April 28, 2020, the first 32-day cycle will take place May 9 to June 9, 2020. (Even side will start May 9, 2020 and Odd side on May 13, 2020.)
- The deployment plan will be assessed on an ongoing basis to determine whether adjustments are required and will be reviewed before the end of the 32-day cycle (June 10).

Patrol Backfilling

REMINDER: As a reminder, effective April 28, 2020, **the Emergency & Operational Planning Section (EOPS) now manages Patrol backfilling to meet District minimum staffing levels** when a shortage cannot be resolved through re-allocating resources from another District. For instructions on Patrol backfilling, please see “*Meeting Minimum Deployment Business Rules During COVID-19 Pandemic*” on the COVID-19 intranet site:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/OperationalStaffingPlan/Meeting-Minimum-Deployment-Business-Rules-During-COVID-19-Pandemic.pdf>

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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