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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: May 12, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for May 12, 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 12, 2020

- The VPD's dedicated drive-through testing site at 380 E 10th Avenue, Vancouver is now operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1pm.

Operational Considerations

As an ongoing reminder, 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.**

Voluntary Testing of Individuals (from the Public) with Suspected COVID-19

REMINDER: There is currently no viable legal framework for police to force an individual (from the public) to test for COVID-19. However, if members come in contact with an individual suspected to have COVID-19, or who is displaying flu-like symptoms, members may request and escort the individual to be voluntarily tested.

- **If the individual agrees to get tested, members are reminded to use the [New Form VPD 521 – Authorization for Release of COVID-19 Medical Information](#) which has been endorsed by Providence Health Care to expedite results for members.**
- St. Paul's Hospital and Mount St. Joseph Hospital are the designated sites for this testing and has a procedure in place.
- Further details can be found on VPD GO 2020-54066 or on the VPD's COVID-19 intranet page under *Operations Guidelines*:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/Bulletins/Voluntary%20Testing%20of%20Public%20Individuals.pdf>

Dedicated VPD Testing Station Update

The days of operation have changed for the VPD's dedicated COVID-19 drive-through testing site provided by TELUS Health located at **380 E 10th Avenue, Vancouver.**

- **The mobile testing unit is now operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1pm.** These hours are subject to change as TELUS re-evaluates service demands on a weekly basis.

REMINDER: Members must have a referral to access the dedicated testing station.

- Members should use the [TELUS Health](#) system and the TELUS Health doctors will determine if testing is required.
- If testing is required, members will be directed to either the TELUS Health drive-through testing site or other testing sites depending on the circumstance and the doctor's medical opinion.
- As this testing site is drive-through, it will limit members' exposure to others.
- The tests administered at this site will be handled and processed in the same manner as all other COVID-19 tests.

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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