

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: November 26, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of November 26, 2020, 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 FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2020

- Enforcement Guidance – Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces Order
- VPD Staff Mask Protocol
- Gym Facilities – Mandatory Masks and Online Scheduling
- Graveley Fleet Cleaning Protocols
- VPD COVID-19 Safety Plan - *Updated*

Enforcement Guidance – Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces Order

The new province-wide measures regarding the requirement for all British Columbians to wear face coverings when in indoor public spaces was announced last week. Effective November 24, 2020, these measures are now enforceable under the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*.

Under this Order, violation tickets can be issued for the following contraventions:

- **Failure to wear a face covering in an indoor public space** (Item 23.6 of Schedule 2, *Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces Order*; Section 3 (1) - \$230 Ticket Amount)
 - This includes the wearing of a face covering that does not cover a person's mouth and nose (i.e. face covering worn around a chin or just a mouth) and wearing of face coverings made of material insufficient to provide coverage of the mouth and nose (i.e. lace and macramé)
 - Note: Face shields alone are not considered to be face coverings.

- **Abusive or belligerent behavior regarding a face covering requirement or policy towards an operator or visitor of an indoor public space** (Item 23.6 of Schedule 2, *Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces Order*; Section 5(2) - \$230 Ticket Amount)
- **Failure to comply with the direction from an enforcement officer** (i.e. when asked to leave an indoor space) (Item 23.6 of Schedule 2, *Use of Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces Order*; Section 6 - \$230 Ticket Amount)

COVID-19 Related Measures Act Contravention	Provision	Fine	Victim Surcharge Levy	Ticketed Amount
Item 23.6. Failure to wear face covering in indoor public space	Section 3(1)	\$200	\$30	\$230
Item 23.6. Abusive or belligerent behavior	Section 5 (2)	\$200	\$30	\$230
Item 23.6. Fail to comply with direction from an enforcement officer	Section 6	\$200	\$30	\$230

*** For further details on what is defined as an indoor public space and exemptions from enforcement, please view the EPA Enforcement Guidelines document on the [VPD Intranet COVID-19](#) site.

VPD Staff Mask Protocol

On November 19th, 2020, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced changes to provincial workplace health and safety guidelines regarding mandatory mask policies while indoors. All VPD employees are reminded that the wearing of a surgical or non-medical mask is mandatory for all employees while inside Vancouver Police Department facilities except while seated at your desk. This includes hallways, cafeterias and lunchrooms (except while actively eating or drinking), elevators and gyms.

Gym Facilities – Mandatory Masks and Online Scheduling

All members are required to wear a mask at all times when in VPD gyms and during their workout, except in the following scenarios:

- Cardio: when actively using cardio machines, (mask must be worn at all times until on the cardio machine).
- Drinking water: members may remove their mask temporarily to drink water.

Masks must be worn in all other areas of the gym, including the weight room and stretching areas, change rooms/washrooms.

Members must sign up for a gym timeslot in the VPD Gym Scheduler (link below)

- Only ONE session may be booked at a time
- Your next booking will only be available once your current timeslot has expired
- All bookings start on the half hour and total 1 hour, including the required cleaning time
- System does not allow booking for other members
- If you cannot make your scheduled gym time, please cancel it and book a new session.

Sign in can be found at the link below;

<http://ipar.vpd.bc.ca/BookedScheduler/Web>.

OR

On the Intranet, under the Fitness Centre link

Mask protocols and online scheduling requirements are in place for the prevention of Covid-19 transmission and to adhere to Provincial Health Orders and WorkSafeBC. These protocols are not optional. Non-compliance will result in gym facility closure.

Updated Fleet Disinfectant Protocol- Graveley Kiosk

Staff at the Graveley Kiosk have updated the fleet disinfectant protocol. Members are requested to keep all fleet windows lowered when parked in the underground parking lot at Graveley to limit the odor of disinfectant in the vehicles.

VPD COVID-19 Safety Plan

The Pandemic Working Group has updated the Vancouver Police Department's COVID-19 Safety Plan. This plan can be viewed here:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/Bulletins/VPD-Covid-19-Safety-Plan.pdf>

The Vancouver Police Department is working closely with our partners with the City of Vancouver. Daily check-ins are done to ensure all VPD COVID-19 Safety Protocols are aligned with the City of Vancouver, while adhering to WorkSafeBC regulations and up to date Provincial Health Orders.

Suspected Exposure or Illness

Any members or civilians experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or requiring medical advice relating to COVID-19 should call 811 or their physician and follow the direction of a medical professional.

See link below for protocol on suspected exposure.

[Exposure Flow Chart](#)

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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