

Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update: September 10, 2020

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: September 10, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of September 10, 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 September 10, 2020

- Use of appropriate PPE in situations where it is operationally unavoidable to maintain physical distance with each other and the public;
- Questions related to Quarantine Act;
- Work Station Cleaning;
- Weight Room;
- 811/Testing for members.

Operational Considerations – Recommended PPE Usage

Use of appropriate PPE is recommended in situations where it is operationally unavoidable to maintain physical distancing with each other and the public.

Members are reminded to wear the appropriate PPE in situations where it is operationally unavoidable to maintain proper physical distancing with each other and the public. It is recommended that members utilize the available PPE during, but not limited to, the following example scenarios:

- a) Traffic stops;
- b) Protests;
- c) Public gatherings; and
- d) Incidents where members are required to attend buildings with vulnerable and/or higher risk populations.

The VPD Safety and Health Unit has ample supplies of surgical masks and other recommended PPE which are available to all members for operational use. As a reminder the existing procedures to obtain PPE are still in effect.

Calls for Service / Answers to Questions Related to the Quarantine Act

When VPD staff is responding to police service calls, or speaking to members of the public, regarding quarantine issues (e.g.: a neighbor has returned from international travel and is not self-isolating), staff are advised to provide the following information, as per the Quarantine Act:

- 1) Contact the CBSA Warrant Response Centre at 1-800-523-5072;
 - a. They will advise if the subject of complaint is required to follow any requirements under the Quarantine Act.

- 2) If necessary, contact the SOC over the phone (if possible) and advise the SOC that it has been confirmed by the CBSA that they are supposed to abide by the requirements of the Quarantine Act. Inquire if they are aware of these requirements and advise them that officers may be attending their residence to check compliance;
- 3) Complete a report, flag it as Covid-19 related;
- 4) Send only the GO number and associated residential address to the following e-mail: E_DEOC_INTAKE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca – do not send the police report;
- 5) The Quarantine Team will then review the information and decide if and what further action will be taken.
- 6) Members now have the discretion to issue violation tickets under the COVID-19 Related Measures Act (See Emergency Program Act Enforcement guidelines for Patrol)

Work Station Cleaning

It is essential that shared work stations are sanitized before and after each individual use to maintain cleanliness. Wipes and signage have been placed at each shared work station in all VPD facilities. Staff are reminded to clean their work stations before and after use to help maintain a clean and safe working environment.

Weight Rooms

Staff are reminded to follow the rules and guidelines set out for weight room use, including:

- You will only be able to sign-up for ONE SESSION per day
- Please check off the box next to your PIN # /Employee Number once you arrive for your scheduled session
- If you are late to your scheduled weight room time, your time does not get “extended” at the end
- Please ensure you exit at or before your scheduled session ends

Failure to comply may lead to reduced capacity or revocation of privileges.

The weight rooms have now returned to 24 hour access, with a closure daily from 2130 to 2230 hours for cleaning at Cambie and Graveley; the annex will be closed for cleaning from 0830 to 0930 hours.

Weight room capacities and hours are also strictly enforced:

- Cambie: **10 people**
- Annex: **6 people**
- Graveley: **8 people**

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.

[Exposure Flow Chart](#)

Members or civilians who are directed to undergo a COVID-19 test or to self-isolate should take the following steps:

1. Contact their sergeant or supervisor and provide an update
2. Sergeant or supervisor to contact Pandemic Working Group (VPDPandemicworkinggroup@vpd.ca / 604-717-0512) and or Human resources at on call phone number to notify them of direction provided by medical professional
3. A member of the HR team will contact the member or civilian to follow up directly

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 the road:	VPD GO 2020-54066 accessible by MDT
From home or cell:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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