

Subject: VPD Workplace Safety Self Assessment

On Saturday, November 7th, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced new restrictions for the Metro Vancouver area. This new Public Health Order took effect at 10:00 pm on Saturday, November 7th. The new Public Health Order restrictions included the following workplace requirement:

Workplace Safety: *All businesses and worksites must conduct active daily in-person screening of all onsite workers using the COVID-19 symptom checklist that is part of every business restart safety plan. Workplaces must ensure that all workers and customers maintain appropriate physical distance and wear masks when appropriate. Extra care should be taken in small office spaces, break rooms and kitchens.*

The Vancouver Police Department is reminding all employees to continue to adhere to the VPD's Operational Safety Guidelines by completing a Self-Health Assessment prior to beginning their workday:

Vancouver Police Department Employee Self-Assessment Tool

If an employee answers 'yes' to any of these self-assessment questions, please notify your supervisor immediately for further direction.

Are you experiencing any of the following:

- ☐ Severe difficulty breathing (e.g. struggling to breathe or speaking in single words);
- ☐ Severe chest pain;
- ☐ Having a very hard time waking up;
- ☐ Feeling confused; or
- ☐ Losing consciousness.

Are you experiencing any of the following:

- ☐ Mild to moderate shortness of breath;
- ☐ Inability to lie down because of difficulty breathing; or
- ☐ Chronic health conditions that you are having difficulty managing because of difficulty breathing.

Please read each of the following self-assessment questions.

Are you experiencing cold, flu or COVID-19-like symptoms, even mild ones?

Symptoms include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat and painful swallowing, stuffy or runny nose, loss of sense of smell, headache, muscle aches, fatigue or loss of appetite.

Have you travelled to any countries outside Canada (including the United States) within the last 14 days?

Did you provide care or have close contact with a person with COVID-19?

Note: This means you would have been contacted by your health authority's public health team.

All supervisors, under Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, must ensure the health and safety of their workers in the workplace and therefore must ensure employee health assessments are conducted daily.

The Vancouver Police Department emphasizes the importance of continuing to adhere to our Covid-19 risk mitigation strategies, policy and procedure – this includes physical distancing, personal hygiene and the use of PPE and non-medical masks to avoid preventable exposures.

The Pandemic Working Group is actively reviewing the new public health orders and will provide more information once further direction becomes available.

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