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

In addition to today's earlier message on staff redeployment, the following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 10, 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.

At this time, **VPD member's enforcement authorities remain unchanged** in relation to federal, provincial, and municipal government COVID-19 orders. **Members shall not take enforcement action unless approved by Car 10.**

Key Updates for April 10, 2020

- There are no key updates for Friday, April 10th.

Government Updates for April 10, 2020

Provincial Update – Remains in State of Emergency

- There have been 40 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the British Columbia total to 1,410 since the outbreak.

Health and Wellness

Increased COVID-19 Testing Availability for First Responders

REMINDER: The Public Health Officer has expanded COVID-19 testing to a broader portion of the population, including first responders. VPD members can be referred for testing by a physician if they are symptomatic, which includes a fever over 38 degrees and the onset of coughing or shortness of breath. Members are reminded that if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 they should contact their family doctor or make use of TELUS Health.

<https://info.copemanhealthcare.com/telus-medical-help-line>

VPD members are also advised to contact HR if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

CISM/Peer Support

As an ongoing and important reminder, the Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM)/Peer Support is available 24/7 should anyone be feeling anxiety or stress related to COVID-19.

- Sworn members can reach out to Ali Gailus (778-847-5452), Michele McKnight (778-227-0789), Dave Moe (604-404-9303) or any other team member. Their names/contact information can be accessed on the intranet:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/PeerSupport/Lists/Contacts/AllItems.aspx>

- Civilian members can reach out to Amanda Vetter (604-349-5713) or any other Civilian CISM team member. Their names/contact information can also be accessed on the intranet:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/CISMCivilian/Lists/CivilianCISMTeam/AllItems.aspx>

Vancouver Beyond the Blue

We also continue to encourage members and their families to reach out to *Vancouver Beyond the Blue* (VBTB) - a peer-led, non-profit organization supporting and strengthening police families.

- Erica McKeddie is the contact person and can be reached at 778-229-3950 or by email info@vancouverbeyondtheblue.com.
- VBTB has a secure Facebook page where spouses/partners can connect and a website that provides resources.

Reminder: Accessing Key COVID-19 Information

Critical information related to member safety and procedures are distributed by the VPD's Pandemic Working Group. The current health emergency is a rapidly evolving situation and members are advised to access this information on a daily basis.

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 phone:	Go to vpdemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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