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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 23, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 23, 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 April 23, 2020

- The City of Vancouver and the VPD are providing temporary alternative accommodations for eligible staff members who have been directed to self-isolate by a Public Health professional or physician. Eligibility criteria is outlined on the VPD's COVID-19 intranet webpage and will follow on [VPDemerg.ca](https://vpdemerg.ca).

Operational Considerations

At this time, 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.**

Alternative Accommodation Program – Now Available to VPD Staff

The VPD and CoV recognize that staff may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the course of their work and that their living situation may preclude them from safely self-isolating at home. The CoV has developed a program to provide temporary alternative accommodation for eligible staff who have been directed to self-isolate by a Public Health professional or physician. VPD staff that meet the program criteria will be able to reside at an approved hotel for a maximum of 10 days. The cost of the accommodations will be covered and a \$60 per diem per day will be provided. Please review the Alternative Accommodation Application Form prior to making any requests.

To qualify for this program, staff must:

- Have been directed to self-isolate for 10 days by a Public Health professional or physician due to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.
AND
- Reside with others but do not have a separate bedroom and bathroom in their household
OR
- Reside with people who are considered to be vulnerable (see link below for qualifying medical conditions)

To apply, staff must notify their immediate supervisor and provide details of their need for alternative accommodations. The HR Section will review the application and will notify the member's immediate supervisor if their application has been approved. The member's immediate supervisor will then submit the completed application to the EOC. In cases where applications are denied by the EOC, the HR Section will work with members to find alternate solutions and support them during their self-isolation.

Complete details and-criteria for temporary alternative accommodations can be found on the [COVID-19 intranet webpage](#) immediately or [VPDemerg.ca](#) shortly.

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 phone:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro

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