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(INSPECTOR RANDY BELL)**

**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 25, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 25, 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 25, 2020

- The Province has announced an order under the Emergency Program Act to transition people living in Oppenheimer Park encampments into safe, temporary accommodations. In response, the VPD is developing an operational plan to support public safety.
- If members come in contact with an individual (from the public) with suspected COVID-19, consider requesting and escorting the individual to be voluntarily tested – there is a new VPD Form and procedure in place with local hospitals.

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.**

Temporary Accommodations for Oppenheimer Park Encampments

Under the current provincial state of emergency and the Emergency Program Act, the Province, in partnership with BC Housing, will be transitioning the approximately 200 people living in Oppenheimer Park encampments into safe temporary accommodations.

- The Province has secured 686 hotel and community centre accommodations in the city of Vancouver, and the transition will be a phased approach.
- The VPD is currently developing an operational plan to support public safety.
- The order sets May 9, 2020 as the deadline to transition people out of the encampments.

NOTE: At this time, the VPD has not been requested to take any immediate actions in response to this announcement.

**Voluntary Testing of Individuals (from the Public) with Suspected COVID-19 *Updated
Procedure – New Form VPD 521***

Currently, there is no viable legal framework for police to force an individual (from the public) to test for COVID-19. However, if members come in contact with an individual suspected to have COVID-19, or who is displaying flu-like symptoms, members may request and escort the individual to be voluntarily tested.

- [New Form VPD 521 – Authorization for Release of COVID-19 Medical Information](#) has been endorsed by Providence Health Care to expedite results for members.
- St. Paul's Hospital and Mount St. Joseph Hospital are the designated sites for this testing and has a procedure in place.
- Further details can be found on VPD GO 2020-54066 or on the VPD's COVID-19 intranet page:

<http://references.sharepoint01.vpd.bc.ca/COVID19/Bulletins/Voluntary%20Testing%20of%20Public%20Individuals.pdf>

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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