

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 29th, 2021

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of April 29th, 2021 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

- EPA Enforcement Guidelines – Travel Restrictions Order
- VPD Employees Test Positive for COVID-19
- VPD Mask Protocols – **REMINDER**
- Ride-Along Requests
- Facility Workouts – **REMINDER**

EPA ENFORCEMENT GUIDELINES – TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ORDER

On Friday, April 23rd the *Travel Restrictions Order* was implemented in British Columbia to restrict travel in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As of now, **enforcement authorities and priorities for the VPD have not changed**. While the VPD is not conducting random checks for compliance with travel restrictions, members are reminded that, in the course of their duties, these authorities exist and can be enforced accordingly.

In summary of the update, the new Order restricts non-essential travel into or out of all Health Authorities in British Columbia. Under the *Emergency Program Act*, the **Travel Restrictions Order** will remain in effect until May 25, 2021 (after May long weekend).

For full details on the Travel Restrictions Order and all other EPA enforcement matters, please refer to the [EPA Enforcement Guidelines](#) document at the VPD COVID-19 intranet site.

VPD EMPLOYEES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 – UPDATE

Eight VPD employees have tested positive for COVID-19 since last Thursday. The numbers reported are accurate at the time of writing and are subject to change. VPD Facilities at Graveley,

Kootenay, Cambie and the Mounted Unit Stables have had confirmed cases of COVID-19 and/or exposures.

The employees are following medical advice and are self-isolating as per protocol. Human Resources and the Pandemic Working Group have taken all steps to ensure the exposure is contained. Any further employees who are required to self-isolate will be contacted by the Public Health Authority or Human Resources Section.

All employees are reminded to adhere to the VPD Operational Safety Guidelines, Mask Protocol, and to respect the occupancy capacity limits set for rooms and elevators for everyone's safety.

VPD MASK PROTOCOLS – REMINDER

All VPD employees are once again reminded of the VPD mask protocol, which can be found at this [link](#).

VPD employees **must** wear a mask at all times inside VPD facilities, unless seated at your assigned desk or actively eating or drinking. If eating or drinking, including drinking coffee with colleagues or similar circumstances, a distance of at least **6 feet** is required as COVID-19 variants are extremely transmissible. This includes **inside patrol vehicles when there is more than one occupant in the vehicle, in communal report writing rooms, or in any meeting rooms/offices within a VPD facility.** There are no exceptions to this protocol.

RIDE-ALONG REQUESTS

The priority of the VPD PWG is to minimize the risk of COVID-19 to our employees and their families. Considering the current increased transmission rate of COVID-19 in our community and our continued effort to minimize this risk to our employees, we believe it is in the best interest of the VPD to suspend ride-alongs at this time.

FACILITY WORKOUTS – REMINDER

All VPD employees are reminded that workouts conducted indoors must **ONLY** occur inside an approved VPD gym facility. VPD employees **CANNOT** be working out indoors in any shared spaces, common areas, **stairwells or cafeteria spaces**.

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 home or cell:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro



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