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**To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: April 30, 2020**

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for April 30, 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 30, 2020

- Guidelines have been created for conducting general interviews and suspect interviews during the pandemic. The interview guidelines refer to changes made at VPD facilities to enable physical distancing and the implementation of new protocols for transport and off-site interviews.
- A video update from the Operations Division addressing all staff was released today. Periodic video updates will continue moving forward featuring various VPD staff.
- The City of Vancouver has added an in-school support option to its Temporary Emergency Childcare program. The in-school program is offered to essential workers by the Vancouver School Board and for current students only.

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.**

Interview Guidelines

To keep members and the public safe during COVID-19, both [General Interview Guidelines](#) and [Suspect Interview Guidelines](#) have been created by the Pandemic Working Group. VPD facilities are also being modified to enable physical distancing.

- During interviews, members are reminded to utilize the appropriate PPE and practice physical distancing when possible.
- Plexiglas partitioned interview rooms are being built at the Annex and Graveley (5th floor) buildings.
- Safety and risk assessments should be conducted when transporting witnesses/suspects for interviews.
- Interviews at correctional facilities have been impacted.

Full guidelines can be accessed on the VPD's [COVID-19 Intranet website](#), [VPDemerg.ca](#) and GO 2020-54066.

COVID-19 Videos

In today's video from the Operations Division, Sgt. Gord Haddon addresses all staff with a brief update on patrol backfill and potential accommodations for self-isolation. The latest video update is available via this link:

<file:///vpd.bc.ca/common/everyone/video/covid19/dailyvideomessage.mp4>

Staff working remotely are encouraged to access the video from VPDemerg.ca (password **Nitro**):

<https://vpdemerg.ca/latest-updates/>

Temporary Emergency Childcare (In-School Support) Available to VPD Employees

In March, the City of Vancouver's Childcare Task Force launched a referral system for essential workers during COVID-19. Through this initiative, a new option has been recently added for in-school support offered by the Vancouver School Board (VSB) in select schools for current VSB students only (aged 5-12 years).

- Referrals are for essential workers (all VPD employees are included in this group).
- In-school program is free during the pandemic.
- In-school program does not have an educational component or in-class instruction.
- Staffed at a ratio of five children to a supervisor.
- VSB staff have undergone criminal record checks.

Additional details of the in-school program can be found on the VSB website:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/News/Documents/20200416_ChildCareFAQ.pdf

Information on how to request a referral can be found on the Childcare program website:

[Vancouver Childcare Task Force Website](#)

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