

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

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

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of December 10, 2020, 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 FOR December 10, 2020

- Provincial Health Order – *Updated Enforcement Authority*
- Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Approved in Canada
- PWG Safety Plan for Group Special Events & Training (PWG68) – PWG Endorsement
- Kiosk District Patrol Vehicle Disinfectant
- Members on Sick-Leave or Mandatory Isolation – Court Requirements

Provincial Health Order – Updated Enforcement Authority

On December 7th, 2020, Dr. Henry announced the extension of all current Provincial Health Order restrictions until January 8th, 2021. Exemptions were placed on drive-through events.

The Order specifies restrictions on Public Gatherings and Events, which state that all in-person events and community-based gatherings are prohibited, which includes in-person religious and worship services, organized adult team sport events and indoor high intensity fitness activities.

Additional restrictions are in place prohibiting social gatherings of any size to take place within a residence (both indoor and outdoor).

The Provincial Health Order update can be found at the following link: [Events and Gatherings Guideline](#).

All current enforcement sections can be found on the VPD Intranet COVID-19 Site under the [EPA Enforcement Guidelines](#) tab.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Approved in Canada

On December 9, 2020 the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine was approved in Canada. Approximately 4,000 doses will be issued to 'high-risk' people in BC within the week.

— Pfizer Vaccine Limitations:

- Not approved for Children under 16;
- Not approved for pregnant women;
- Not approved for people with immune compromised conditions.

BC Vaccine Immunization Plan

The Pfizer Vaccine must be given in two doses, 21 days apart, with immunization after 7 days [95% effective]. There are currently two sites operational in BC (One in Vancouver Coastal Health, and one in Fraser Health), with 30 more sites being set-up for the New Year.

BC has established a priority based vaccination plan, with the first priority vaccine to be given to health care workers on the front line of COVID-19 and long-term care facilities. The next priority will then include other front line workers (paramedics, fire fighters, **police**, grocery workers), elderly 75+, then 75 and below, as well as indigenous communities.

*The Pandemic Working Group is working to establish a **vaccination plan** for the Vancouver Police Department.*

PWG Safety Plan for Group Special Events & Training (PWG68)

Any members submitting a request for a group special event or training safety plan must complete the Pandemic Working Group Safety Plan for Group Special Events & Training (*PWG68*). The completed PWG68 can be submitted to the vpdpandemicworkinggroup@vpd.ca for endorsement.

An e-mail detailing the event that does not have a completed *PWG68* will **not** be accepted.

The form can be found on the VPD's Intranet COVID-19 Site on the left-hand side below the Operations Guideline tab, or at the following link: [PWG68](#)

Kiosk District Patrol Vehicle Disinfection

Members are advised that the Kiosk staff are not disinfecting fleet vehicles overnight. Vehicles returned during the night are not disinfected until day-time staff arrive. Members working Alpha, Bravo and sometimes Charlie Shift have the possibility of receiving a fleet vehicle that has not yet been disinfected by Fleet Staff. If a vehicle does not have a **yellow sanitized sticker**, it is the member's responsibility to sanitize their vehicle prior to use.

Sanitizer wipes are provided at the Kiosks for members to use. High contact areas between members in the vehicle are a priority for sanitization, including steering wheels, radio / emergency light equipment, and MDT Computers.

Members on Sick-Leave or Mandatory Isolation – Court Requirements

Members are required to call the VPD Sick line when booking off on sick leave or when medically directed to enter a period of self-isolation.

Sworn Members – 604-717-9600

Civilian Members – 604-717-9700

This is also a reminder that members are responsible for contacting the Document Services Unit when booking off from work. The DSU is responsible for notifying the courts for all members unable to attend and will arrange the rescheduling of court dates with the member's anticipated return to work. A member's failure to attend court without the follow up call to DSU can result in important cases being lost or Crown entering a stay or proceedings.

DSU can be contacted at documentservices@vpd.ca or 604-717-3066

Suspected Exposure or Illness

Any employees of the VPD who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or require medical advice related to COVID-19 should call 811 or their physician and follow the direction of a medical professional.

See the following link for protocol on suspected exposure: [Exposure Flow Chart](#)

Health and Wellness

CISM/Peer Support

Members are reminded that if they require support during the COVID-19 pandemic 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 VPDeemerg.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 VPDeemerg.ca . Password: Nitro



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