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THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP**

To: All VPD Employees – Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: December 23, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of December 23, 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 23, 2020

- Emergency Program Act – *Updated Enforcement Authority*
- VPD COVID-19 Vaccination Plan – *Moderna Vaccine approved by Health Canada*
- Decontamination Stations – *Locations / Equipment*
- VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure

Emergency Program Act – Updated Enforcement Authority

All current enforcement sections can be found on the VPD Intranet COVID-19 Site under the [EPA Enforcement Guidelines](#) tab. Here you will find all of the information you need to issue violation tickets related to COVID-19.

VPD COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Health Canada has approved the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and, as of today, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. According to the Immunize BC Operations Centre, police are in the second priority group. It is estimated that police will receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the spring of 2021. Further updates will be provided as they are received by the PWG.

The PWG is ready to facilitate COVID-19 vaccination clinics when the VPD is given clearance to do so. The vaccination clinic plan will be administered in similar fashion as the annual Influenza Clinics.

Decontamination Stations

This is a reminder that [Decontamination Stations](#) for members exposed or believed to have been exposed to COVID-19 have been set up at the following locations:

1. P1 Level at the Annex;
2. P1 Level at Graveley; and
3. P2 Level at Cambie (Stall #104).

A SaniSport decontamination device is currently available at the Annex. The SaniSport can be used to disinfect police gear such as duty belts, vests and boots.

VPD Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure

All Vancouver Police Department employees should utilize the [VPD Covid-19 Exposure Flowchart](#) if they believe they may have been exposed to someone who has or is suspected of having COVID-19. Any employee of the VPD who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or requires medical advice relating to COVID-19 should call 811 or their physician and follow the direction of a medical professional.

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 [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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