

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: July 2nd, 2021

The following will provide an update on some key developments for the week of July 2nd, 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

- **NEW** – Mask Protocol at the VPD
- **NEW** – COVID-19 Enforcement – Emergency Program Act (EPA) transitions to COVID Related Measures Act (CRMA)
- Returning to the Workplace

NEW – Mask Protocol at the VPD

With the transition into Step 3 of BC's Restart Plan, please be reminded that **the wearing of masks is no longer required at the VPD**. This includes all public spaces, common areas, gyms and workspaces in all VPD facilities. Key points from the new mask protocol are as follows:

- Mask wearing is recommended in indoor public spaces for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated;
- Fully vaccinated means 14-days after receiving your second dose;
- Some people may choose to continue to wear a mask as a personal choice and are encouraged to practice any safety measures that make them feel comfortable.
 - A respectful workplace is essential at the VPD. Please respect all employees' personal choices should they include the wearing of masks and physical distancing.

VPD employees are reminded that businesses, private dwellings and other facilities may still require the wearing of a face covering. If operationally feasible, all VPD employees should adhere to these requirements. VPD employees should also consider wearing a face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained and if employees are in contact with individuals where there is an unknown vaccination or COVID-19 status. It is recommended that VPD employees wear a mask when in a vehicle with multiple people.

The VPD Mask Protocol can be viewed [HERE](#) on the COVID-19 section of the VPD Intranet.

COVID-19 Enforcement – Emergency Program Act (EPA) transitions to COVID Related Measures Act (CRMA)

On July 1st, 2021 the provincial state of emergency ended.

As of July 1st, 2021, COVID-19 related enforcement has transitioned from the *Emergency Program Act* to the **COVID Related Measures Act – Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order No.2**.

Please note the following important information and what this means for enforcement:

- Violation tickets issued on or after July 1st, 2021 should reference:
 - CRMA instead of the EPA; and
 - Protective Measures (COVID-19) Order No. 2
- Contravention labeling and section numbers have NOT changed;
- The Face Coverings (COVID-19) Order is no longer in effect;
- There are no current restrictions for retail businesses, episodic markets and perimeter seated vehicles/buses.

For more information on COVID-19 related enforcement, please see the updated [CRMA – VPD Enforcement Guidelines](#) on the COVID-19 section of the VPD Intranet.

Returning to the Workplace

Working from home is managed on a case by case basis and at supervisory level. If a manager or supervisor has established that an employee can work from home (particularly during COVID-19) it will also be that manager's responsibility to determine when that employee should return to their workplace.

Section managers are reminded that the Pandemic Working Group does not determine if and when an employee can work from home and when that employee will return to their workplace.

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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