

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: July 8th, 2021

The following will provide an update on some key developments for the week of July 8th, 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** – Resumption of Regular Cleaning of VPD Vehicles
- Mask Protocol at the VPD
- Employee Self-Assessment

Resumption of Regular Cleaning of VPD Vehicles

On July 16th, 2021 the enhanced cleaning of VPD vehicles due to the COVID-19 pandemic (currently completed by VPD Fleet Services) will conclude. VPD Fleet Services will revert to a regular scheduled vehicle cleaning and maintenance process.

Upon sign out of a VPD vehicle, employees are encouraged to obtain cleaning product from Fleet Services to wipe additional high touch surfaces inside the vehicle should they require it.

If a vehicle is or is suspected to have had an exposure of any type, VPD employees are reminded to notify Fleet Services staff for the enhanced cleaning of that vehicle.

Reminder - 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.

Employee Self-Assessment

Employees are reminded to complete an in person Employee Self-Assessment prior to every workday. This should become commonplace for all illnesses and not just limited to COVID-19. Should an employee experience cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms, notify your supervisor and stay away from the 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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