

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: July 22nd, 2021

The following will provide an update on some key developments for the week of July 22nd, 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

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Distribution
- Mask Usage at Health Care Facilities
- Returning to the Workplace

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Distribution

The Pandemic Working Group will continue to supply PPE throughout all VPD facilities well into Step 4 of BC's Restart Plan which is expected to begin in September, 2021.

The Purchasing and Inventory Unit as well as the Safety and Health Coordination Unit are looking to formalize a procedure for section assistants to begin ordering PPE through VPD Stores for distribution to centralized locations throughout the VPD. Additional information will be communicated once the process is confirmed.

Mask Usage at Health Care Facilities

VPD employees are reminded that businesses, private dwellings and health care facilities may still require the wearing of a face covering. If operationally feasible, all VPD employees must adhere to these requirements.

Returning to the Workplace

Working from home is managed on a case-by-case basis at a 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. Managers must also ensure there is sufficient physical space for all returning employees.

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 pandemic, they can contact CISM/Peer Support and *Vancouver Beyond the Blue*. Information on these services and other supports 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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