

Subject: Weekly COVID-19 Update: June 30, 2021 ****IMPORTANT UPDATE****

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

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn
COVID-19 Update: June 30th, 2021

The following will provide an update on some key developments for the week of June 30th, 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.

Provincial Health Orders, WorkSafeBC Guidelines and enforcement of the Emergency Program Act are changing. The Pandemic Working Group is currently reviewing the verbal updates and direction that was provided by Dr. Henry and Minister Dix with respect to changes associated to Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan. Today's updates are a preliminary interpretation of the Step 3 changes and additional information and guidance will be provided once written orders are received from the Province. The VPD will be transitioning from its current COVID-19 Safety Plan, to a Communicable Disease Prevention Plan.

KEY UPDATES

- British Columbia Restart Plan - Step 3 Mask Guidance
- Emergency Program Act
- Gym Facilities, Annex Gymnasium and Fitness Rooms – Masks no longer required
- Signage at VPD Facilities

British Columbia Restart Plan

BC's Restart Plan is a four-step plan that began on May 25th, 2021 with the gradual relaxing of restrictions on some gatherings and additional changes to businesses, sports and exercise requirements.

On July 1st, 2021 the Province will move into Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan.

Please go [here](#) for further details on the BC Restart Plan.

Mask Guidance

With the transition into Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan, the wearing of masks is transitioning from being required, to being recommended in public indoor settings. This includes all public spaces,

common areas and workspaces in all VPD facilities. Key points from the mask guidance 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 social distancing.
- The Face Coverings Order under the Emergency Program Act will be lifted and no proof of vaccination will be needed

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 individual requirements.

VPD Employees should also consider wearing a face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained or if you are in contact with individuals with an unknown vaccination or COVID status. It is recommended that VPD Employees wear a mask when in a vehicle with multiple people.

Emergency Program Act

On July 1st, 2021 the Emergency Program Act will be lifted. It is anticipated that during the transition with the orders, it will affect the way a violation ticket is written. It is expected that there will be amendments to the *Gatherings and Events Order* and *Food and Liquor Serving Premises Order*, which is to be released soon.

Gym Facilities, Annex Gymnasium and Fitness Rooms

With the transition into Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan, all indoor fitness classes, gyms and recreation facilities are allowed to resume. Masks are recommended in all gym facilities for those not fully vaccinated however, they are no longer required.

Gyms

In consultation with the Employee Wellness Unit, the following capacity limits will be set for the following gym facilities:

- Graveley – 20
- Annex – 12
- Cambie – 25

VPD Employees will no longer be required to sign up for gym usage through the Gym Scheduler.

Annex Gymnasium

All members are reminded to book their Annex gymnasium session by emailing the Education and Training Unit at vpd.training@vpd.ca. The capacity limit for the Annex gymnasium is set to 25 people and at this time, the Annex gymnasium is for the use of VPD Employees only.

All equipment used during the Annex gymnasium session must be cleaned after use.

Fitness Rooms – Jiu Jitsu and Yoga Room

Capacity limits are set as follows: Jiu Jitsu Room – 7

Yoga Room – 10

All members must book their Fitness Room sessions by emailing:

Jiu Jitsu Room (140.3 at Kootenay) – ivis.lee@vpd.ca

Yoga Room (181.1 at Kootenay) – amanda.mcrae@vpd.ca

Employees are reminded to practice good hygiene and must stay home when sick. All participants in the gym facilities are required to devote time during their workout/activity session to the cleaning of all equipment used.

Direct all fitness related questions to becky.swan@vpd.ca and/or amanda.mcrae@vpd.ca

Signage at VPD Facilities

The Pandemic Working Group will be updating signage at all VPD facilities over the next few weeks to reflect the new protocols.

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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