

FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn

COVID-19 Update: October 8, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of October 8, 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 October 8, 2020

- Non-medical mask distribution/Policy Update
- Sleep Rooms;
- Flu Clinics;
- Weight Room;
- Suspected Exposure or Illness.

Non-Medical Masks

VPD Non-medical masks were issued on October 7. By end of day October 9, all VPD employees should have received a minimum of one Non-Medical Mask. Each employee will ultimately receive two masks and the PWG anticipates completion of the non-medical mask rollout by Friday, October 16. A PowerDMS update has been sent out for each employee to review and sign the policy.

Non-medical masks offer minimal protection to the wearer and are not considered official PPE.

Members are reminded that ongoing risk assessments should be conducted to ensure mitigation strategies and the appropriate level of approved PPE is utilized in each situation. Please refer to the [VPD COVID-19: Operational Safety Guidelines](#) for further information.

All staff are encouraged to wear a non-medical mask inside VPD buildings and vehicles when physical distancing between members cannot be maintained.

The masks are machine or hand washable only. DO NOT DRYCLEAN THE NON-MEDICAL MASK.

Sleep Rooms

Sleep rooms remain **closed** for the safety and health of all members. Members are encouraged to speak to their NCO's for accommodation or assistance if they require rest time between shifts and court or other duty obligations.

Any members requiring further assistance can contact the Employee Wellness Unit.

Employee Wellness Unit - Peer Support Team

Dave Moe - 604-404-9303

Ali Gailus - 778-847-5452

Michele McKnight - 778-227-0789

List of Psychologists 2020

Flu Clinics

The flu vaccine will be available again, free of charge, to all members of the Vancouver Police Department. This includes all full and part-time employees, volunteer members, SMC members and any others who may work within our facilities or under the authority of the VPD.

The flu vaccine does not protect against COVID-19. Any medical related inquiries should be directed to your individual medical professional.

This year, flu shots will be available at rotating VPD facilities from October 14-27. Unlike previous years, which operated entirely on a first-come-first-served basis, this year's clinic will utilize an online booking system. Attendees will be required to pre-book their date and time as well as completing the [Rexall Flu Vaccine Consent form](#) prior to arrival.

[LINK TO FLU CLINIC SIGN UP](#)

Please ensure you are punctual, as late appointments will not be honored due to capacity restrictions.

Masks are required during vaccinations and social distancing measures must be maintained at all times.

October 14	Cambie 3 rd Floor Cafeteria	10:00 – 18:00
October 15	Graveley 2 nd Floor Auditorium	10:00 – 18:00
October 16	Annex 2 nd Floor Classroom	14:00 – 19:00
October 17	Cambie 3 rd Floor Cafeteria	10:00 – 18:00
October 20	Annex 3 rd Floor Meeting Room	14:00 – 19:00
October 21	TTC Classroom 1 & 2	10:00 – 15:00
October 22	Cambie 3 rd Floor Cafeteria	10:00 – 18:00
October 23	Graveley 2 nd Floor Auditorium	10:00 – 18:00
October 24	Graveley Room 200	10:00 – 18:00
October 27	Cambie 3 rd Floor Cafeteria	10:00 – 18:00

All members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, which is offered by Rexall and the Vancouver Police Department Human Resources Section. Questions, comments or

concerns may be directed to Cst Hailey MacDonald or Cst Mandy Grewal in the Pandemic Working Group at vpdpandemicworkinggroup@vpd.ca

Weight Rooms

Follow the rules and guidelines set out for weight room use, including:

- only sign-up for ONE SESSION per day
- you may only sign up for an additional session when you have completed the prior session, additional sessions will be monitored and erased by members of the Health and Performance Team
- Please check off the box next to your PIN#/Employee # once you arrive for your scheduled session
- If you are late to your scheduled weight room time, your time does not get “extended” at the end
- Please ensure you exit at or before your scheduled session ends

Failure to comply may lead to reduced capacity or revocation of privileges.

The weight rooms have now returned to 24 hour access, with a closure daily from 2130 to 2230 hours for cleaning at Cambie and Graveley; the annex will be closed for cleaning from 0830 to 0930 hours.

Weight room capacities and hours are also strictly enforced:

- Cambie: **10 people**
- Annex: **6 people**
- Graveley: **8 people**

Please be respectful of other gym users and only sign up for sessions that you know you will be able to attend. If you have signed up for a session that you know you will not be able to attend please erase your name as soon as possible so another person may fill that spot and we can maximize use of the gyms.

Gym capacities and sanitizing procedures are in place using the guidelines provided by the Public Health Officer and Work Safe BC. Cleaning supplies are replenished daily except on weekends. Please do not remove any cleaning supplies or containers from the gym facilities. If these protocols are not adhered to, it will result in the closure of gym facilities.

Suspected Exposure or Illness

Any members or civilians experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or requiring medical advice relating to COVID-19 should call 811 or their physician and follow the direction of a medical professional.

[Exposure Flow Chart](#)

Members or civilians who are directed to undergo a COVID-19 test or to self-isolate should take the following steps:

1. Contact their sergeant or supervisor and provide an update

2. Sergeant or supervisor to contact Pandemic Working Group VPDPandemicworkinggroup@vpd.ca (604-717-0512) and/or Human Resources at the on-call phone number to notify them of direction provided by medical professional
3. A member of the HR team will contact the member or civilian to follow up directly

If a member or civilian is advised by a medical professional or health authority, ie. 811 to isolate for any COVID-19 related reason, they must call the VPD Sick line to ensure that their isolation time is coded correctly.

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 the road:	VPD GO 2020-54066 accessible by MDT
From home or cell:	Go to VPDemerg.ca . Password: Nitro



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