

FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn

COVID-19 Update: October 22, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of October 22, 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 22, 2020

- New decontamination site at Cambie;
- COVID-19 Safety Plan for Group Events and Training;
- Holiday events at VPD facilities;
- Non-medical mask resizing/alterations;
- Suspected Exposure or Illness; VPD Sick Line.

Decontamination Site at Cambie

A new decontamination site has been set up at 2120 Cambie Headquarters. The site is located on Parking Level 2, stall 104 of the underground parkade. The same protocols as other decontamination sites apply.

[Decontamination Protocols](#)

COVID-19 Safety Plan for Group Events and Training

A streamlined form has been created for all group special events and training requests to take place at VPD facilities. This form must be completed and submitted to the PWG, through your chain of command, via email to Vpdpandemicworkinggroup@vpd.ca for review and endorsement prior to your event or training. Please allow approximately one week for returns, as the document requires input from the Health and Safety Unit, Risk Management, and the Medical Liaison Officer.

Note: regular in-house business meetings do not constitute a "group special event" or "training event".

[Group Events and Training Form](#)

Holidays Events at VPD Facilities

As the holiday season fast approaches, the PWG appreciates that teams will want to celebrate with their respective members. Unfortunately, with the Provincial Health Authority officially declaring that we are now in the 'Second Wave' of the pandemic, the VPD cannot risk the health

and safety of our employees. As such, the PWG encourages employees to refrain from hosting large group luncheons inside VPD facilities this year in an effort to avoid potential exposures.

Non-Medical Mask Re-sizing

Shirtland Drycleaners continues to provide complimentary alterations for non-medical masks. Any employees that require alterations to their non-medical masks for the purpose of lengthening or shortening the straps, may attend Shirtland Drycleaners in person to have the necessary adjustments completed. Please ensure that you wear a surgical or non-medical mask when attending and having your measurements taken.

Shirtland Drycleaners is located at 746 Powell St, Vancouver, with hours of operation Mon-Fri 0600-1600 hrs. Phone 604-254-4415.

Members are advised to contact Shirtland Drycleaners by phone in advance to ensure the tailor is working and onsite for the desired date/time.

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, i.e. 811 to isolate for any COVID-19 related reason; they must call the **VPD Sick line** and follow the prompts to ensure that their isolation time is coded correctly.

Sworn Members:

- Dial **604-717-9600**
- Press 1 to book off
- Press 2 to book back on
- You will be asked a series of questions. After answering each question, press the # key to go to the next question.

Civilian Members:

- Dial **604-717-9700**
- Press 1 to book off

- Press 2 to book back on
- You will be asked a series of questions. After answering each question, press # key to go to the next question.

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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