

FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn

COVID-19 Update: October 29, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of October 29, 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 29, 2020

- New "Safe Six" home gathering regulation/ enforcement
- Suspected Exposure or Illness; VPD Sick Line

"Safe Six" Home Gathering Regulations / Enforcement

On Monday, October 26, 2020 Dr. Bonnie Henry announced a new provincial health order will be put in place limiting gatherings in private homes to no more than your immediate household, plus six others. While Dr. Henry announces that enforcement will be stepped up to ensure this new regulation is being adhered to, Police Services are still awaiting official written orders and authority to allow for police enforceable actions. *There is currently no enforcement authority for the "Safe Six" Public Health Order.*

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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