

FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF THE PANDEMIC WORKING GROUP

To: All VPD Employees - Civilian and Sworn

COVID-19 Update: September 24, 2020

The following will provide an update on key developments and reminders for the week of September 24, 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 September 24, 2020

- Use of appropriate PPE in situations where it is operationally unavoidable to maintain physical distance with each other and the public;
- Elevator Capacities;
- Questions related to Quarantine Act;
- Weight Room;
- Suspected Exposure or Illness.

Operational Considerations – Recommended PPE Usage

Use of appropriate PPE is recommended in situations where physical distancing is unpredictable or difficult to maintain such as, but not limited to, the following examples:

- inside all VPD buildings when physical distancing is unpredictable or difficult to maintain
- parade briefings
- in a vehicle with another VPD member
- in the report writing rooms or office settings
- at traffic stops, roadblocks or any other static traffic operations (situation permitting)
- open air public spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained
- schools, hospitals, community centres and other locations where vulnerable individuals may be present

The VPD Pandemic Working Group has ample supplies of surgical masks and other recommended PPE which are available to all members for operational use. As a reminder the existing procedures to obtain PPE are still in effect.

[Recommended PPE at Hospitals](#)

Elevator Capacity

Signage displayed outside all VPD facility elevators denotes the maximum capacities, both with and without masks. These capacity limits have been carefully measured and designated utilizing Public Health Guidelines and Work Safe BC regulations. Please respect and adhere to the suggested capacities.

Calls for Service / Answers to Questions Related to the Quarantine Act

When VPD staff is responding to police service calls, or speaking to members of the public, regarding quarantine issues (e.g.: a neighbor has returned from international travel and is not self-isolating), staff are advised to provide the following information, as per the Quarantine Act:

- 1) Contact the CBSA Warrant Response Centre at 1-800-523-5072;
 - a. They will advise if the subject of complaint is required to follow any requirements under the Quarantine Act.
- 2) If necessary, contact the SOC over the phone (if possible) and advise the SOC that it has been confirmed by the CBSA that they are supposed to abide by the requirements of the Quarantine Act. Inquire if they are aware of these requirements and advise them that officers may be attending their residence to check compliance;
- 3) Complete a report, flag it as Covid-19 related;
- 4) Send only the GO number and associated residential address to the following e-mail: E_DEOC_INTAKE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca – do not send the police report;
- 5) The Quarantine Team will then review the information and decide if and what further action will be taken.
- 6) Members now have the discretion to issue violation tickets under the COVID-19 Related Measures Act (See Emergency Program Act Enforcement guidelines for Patrol)

Weight Rooms

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

- Only sign-up for ONE SESSION in advance at a time, on the day off or day before any given date
- Additional sign-ups will be monitored and erased by members of the Employee Wellness Unit.
- 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

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

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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