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Hi again

I forgot to attach the photo. It is attached to this email.
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Hello Mayor and Council

I am writing to provide your daily update on the Covid pandemic.

EOC Update

Darrell has now upgraded the EOC to level 3, which is the highest level. As part of the effort and to ensure sufficient distancing for staff, the EOC will be using the IT offices on Richards downtown. Some of the teams are now working remotely as well.

City Operations

All essential services are operating. Non-essential services that cannot be supported remotely or delivered in manner that is safe for staff continue to be shut-down.

City Staff

Temporary lay-offs are continuing. We currently have approximately 1,500 temporary layoffs with employees on salary protection as per the Workforce Adjustment Agreement. Redeployments are on-going as well.

Childcare

In our ongoing efforts to work with the province, we understand that they will be announcing essential services that will use the system/process for child care referrals that we have developed for Vancouver. Our system is set up and we have currently identified ~2000 spots (estimate) available for essential workers. Our system is ready to go live and we are working on the communications plan to support the roll out which could happen as soon as tomorrow.

Essential Services and Businesses

The Provinces has released its list of essential services and businesses. From our initial assessment, it appears that they have integrated the key components from the list that we sent them.

Vulnerable People

The Coal Harbour CC is now being used as a place for VCH to place people that need to leave the hospital systems. Please see the photo attached of the room set-up.

DTES

The press event today went well with Patty Daly and Janice Abbot joining us. We announced the various activities that you were briefed on yesterday, including BCH getting 400 hotel rooms by first week of April and the specific community centres. We have opened the Central Library Atrium toilets and now have 28 porta potties deployed. We have opened the showers and laundry at the three centres (Evelyn, Gathering Place and Carnegie). We continue to feed people with about 1,500 meals per day out of the three centres. We have ramped-up cleaning sidewalks in the DTES. We have 50 peers distributing educational materials and are installing larger signs throughout the neighborhood. We are also using the larger digital traffic boards to educate residents.

Enforcement

We have now inspected about 5,000 businesses since Saturday. We have issued about 14 orders and this afternoon we suspended the business license for the Chinatown Tim Horton.s for three days due to their lack of efforts to achieve social distancing.

Economic Development and Recovery

Staff at the VEC, PDS and my office have been working with my office to develop an a list of actions that we can undertake and that we can advocate to other levels of government to pursue. This work will continue in the days ahead.

Communications

We have further developed content on the website, including more information for business. Here's the link to that content: <https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/covid-19-coronavirus-within-vancouver.aspx>

We are also going to be activating lights on bridges and city hall blue in support of front-line workers. That will start tomorrow.

Upcoming Council Briefings

On Friday our staff/council briefing will include information and staff to outline our approach on our PEF properties and our tenant lease deferment program. On Monday we'll focus on the budget and next Wednesday we'll focus on economic recovery and business support.

I think that covers the big issues.

Best

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