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COVID-19 notification for Sandman Suites (1160 Davie St., Vancouver)

Vancouver, BC – Vancouver Coastal Health is notifying people who visited the Sandman Suites (1160 Davie St., Vancouver) about a possible exposure to COVID-19 from July 7 to July 16.

Individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 attended the Sandman Suites on those dates. There is no known risk to anyone who attended the Sandman Suites outside those dates. Public Health has followed up with close contacts directly and this exposure is considered to be low risk. There is no ongoing risk to the community.

As a precaution, we are advising people who attended the Sandman Suites from July 7 to July 16 to monitor themselves for 14 days. As long as they remain healthy and do not develop symptoms, there is no need to self-isolate and they should continue with their usual daily activities. If you have no symptoms, testing is not recommended because it is not accurate or useful. If you develop any symptoms of COVID-19, please seek testing and immediately self-isolate. Please call ahead and wear a mask when seeking testing.

COVID-19 is spread by respiratory droplets when a person who is sick coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread when a healthy person touches an object or surface (e.g. a doorknob or a table) with the virus on it, and then touches their mouth, nose or eyes before washing their hands. Most people who get COVID-19 have only mild disease, but a few people can get very sick and may need to go to hospital. The symptoms of COVID-19 may include fatigue, loss of appetite, fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, loss of smell and/or diarrhea.

If you are concerned you may have been exposed and have questions, you can speak to Public Health staff at **604-675-3900**. For general information about COVID-19 visit:

- Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 page <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19>
- Testing Sites <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3862560c5a41418e9d78f4f81688e9d0>

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