

**Ministerial Order 2020-079 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 15 October 2020**

Public Health Act  
(chapter S-2.2)

Ordering of measures to protect the health  
of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic  
situation

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

CONSIDERING section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), which provides that the Government may declare a public health emergency in all or part of the territory of Québec where a serious threat to the health of the population, whether real or imminent, requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 declaring a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020, until 16 April 2020 by

Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020, until 24 April 2020 by Order in Council 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, until 29 April 2020 by Order in Council 478-2020 dated 22 April 2020, until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020, until 13 May 2020 by Order in Council 501-2020 dated 6 May 2020, until 20 May 2020 by Order in Council 509-2020 dated 13 May 2020, until 27 May 2020 by Order in Council 531-2020 dated 20 May 2020, until 3 June 2020 by Order in Council 544-2020 dated 27 May 2020, until 10 June 2020 by Order in Council 572-2020 dated 3 June 2020, until 17 June 2020 by Order in Council 593-2020 dated 10 June 2020, until 23 June 2020 by Order in Council 630-2020 dated 17 June 2020, until 30 June 2020 by Order in Council 667-2020 dated 23 June 2020, until 8 July 2020 by Order in Council 690-2020 dated 30 June 2020, until 15 July 2020 by Order in Council 717-2020 dated 8 July 2020, until 22 July 2020 by Order in Council 807-2020 dated 15 July 2020, until 29 July 2020 by Order in Council 811-2020 dated 22 July 2020, until 5 August 2020 by Order in Council 814-2020 dated 29 July 2020, until 12 August 2020 by Order in Council 815-2020 dated 5 August 2020, until 19 August 2020 by Order in Council 818-2020 dated 12 August 2020, until 26 August 2020 by Order in Council 845-2020 dated 19 August 2020, until 2 September 2020 by Order in Council 895-2020 dated 26 August 2020, until 9 September 2020 by Order in Council 917-2020 dated 2 September 2020, until 16 September 2020 by Order in Council 925-2020 dated 9 September 2020, until 23 September 2020 by Order in Council 948-2020 dated 16 September 2020, until 30 September 2020 by Order in Council 965-2020 dated 23 September 2020, until 7 October 2020 by Order in Council 1000-2020 dated 30 September 2020, until 14 October 2020 by Order in Council 1023-2020 dated 7 October 2020 and until 21 October 2020 by Order in Council 1051-2020 dated 14 October 2020;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council also empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to take any of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 1020-2020 dated 30 September 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-074 dated 2 October 2020 and 2020-077 dated 8 October 2020 and by Order in Council 1039-2020 dated 7 October 2020, provides, among other things, despite any provision to the contrary of an Order in Council or a Ministerial Order made under section 123 of the Public Health Act, certain special measures applicable in certain territories;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council also provides that the Minister of Health and Social Services is empowered to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in the Order in Council;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the operative part of Order in Council 1020-2020 dated 30 September 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-074 dated 2 October 2020 and 2020-077 dated 8 October 2020 and by Order in Council 1039-2020 dated 7 October 2020, be further amended

(1) in the ninth paragraph, by replacing

(a) ", Laurentides and Montérégie" by " and Laurentides";

(b) "the Chaudière-Appalaches health region, only for the regional county municipalities of Les Etchemins, Montmagny and L'Islet, and the Capitale-Nationale health region, only for the regional county municipalities of Charlevoix, Charlevoix-Est" by "and the Chaudière-Appalaches health region, only for the regional county municipalities of Les Etchemins, Montmagny and L'Islet";

(2) in the tenth paragraph, by striking out ", except the regional county municipalities of Charlevoix, Charlevoix-Est";

THAT the measures set out in the ninth paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 1020-2020 dated 30 September 2020 and its subsequent amendments also apply to the territory of the Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean health region;

THAT the measures set out in the tenth paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 1020-2020 dated 30 September 2020 and its subsequent amendments also apply to the territory of the Montérégie health region, for the municipalities that are not part of the Communauté métropolitain de Montréal, and to the territories of the regional county municipalities of Arthabaska and L'Érable, in the Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec health region;

THAT this Order take effect on 16 October 2020, except as concerns the measures set out in subparagraph *k* of subparagraph 5 and in subparagraphs 17 to 28 of the tenth paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 1020-2020 dated 30 September 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-074 dated 2 October 2020 and 2020-077 dated 8 October 2020 and by Order in Council 1039-2020 dated 7 October 2020, which are to take effect on 19 October 2020.

Québec, 15 October 2020

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