

**Ministerial Order 2020-100 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 3 December 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, until 21 October 2020 by Order in Council 1051-2020 dated 14 October 2020, until 28 October 2020 by Order in Council 1094 dated 21 October 2020, until 4 November 2020 by Order in Council 1113-2020 dated 28 October 2020, until 11 November 2020 by Order in Council 1150-2020 dated 4 November 2020, until 18 November 2020 by Order in Council 1168-2020 dated 11 November 2020, until 25 November 2020 by Order in Council 1210-2020 dated 18 November 2020, until 2 December 2020 by Order in Council 1242-2020 dated 25 November 2020 and until 9 December 2020 by Order in Council 1272-2020 dated 2 December 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 it is expedient to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

## ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the maximum occupancy of every retail commercial establishment to which the Act respecting hours and days of admission to commercial establishments (chapter H-2.1) applies be set at one customer per 20 square metres of sales area or at one customer if the establishment has a sales area of less than 20 square metres;

THAT for the purposes of this Order, "sales area" means the total area reserved for sales, services related to sales and for the public to have access to products and services, including circulation areas, payment areas and if applicable, food preparation areas where the person assigned to the area is also responsible for serving the customers;

THAT the maximum occupancy of every shopping centre be set at one customer per 20 square metres of area accessible to customers;

THAT, despite the preceding, this Order not operate to prevent a customer accompanied by minor-aged children or any other person who requires or to whom the customer provides assistance from entering an establishment whose maximum occupancy would not allow those persons to enter even in the absence of other customers;

THAT every operator of a commercial establishment or a shopping centre to which, as applicable, the first or third paragraph of the operative part of this Order applies, be required to

(1) display, at each entrance to the establishment or centre, the maximum occupancy determined under the first or third paragraph of the operative part of this Order;

(2) take the necessary measures to effectively control, at all times, the maximum occupancy determined under the first or third paragraph of the operative part of this Order; and

(3) take the necessary measures to ensure that, in the establishment or centre and in any queue formed of persons waiting to enter the establishment or centre, the physical distancing rules set out in Order in Council

689-2020 dated 25 June 2020 are respected, for example by displaying information and providing markings for customers;

THAT it be prohibited for every operator of such an establishment or centre to

(1) admit any customer above the maximum occupancy limit set in the first or third paragraph of the operative part of this Order; or

(2) tolerate the presence in the establishment or centre or in any queue formed of persons waiting to enter the establishment or centre of any person who does not respect the physical distancing rules set out in Order in Council 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020;

THAT, despite subparagraph 1 of the preceding paragraph, the operator of a shopping centre may admit a person who must travel through the common areas of the centre to access premises where health and social services or government services are provided, or as the case may be, administrative tribunals or courts of law are located.

THAT this Order take effect on 4 December 2020.

Québec, 3 December 2020

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