Ministerial Order 2021-025 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 11 April 2021

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
CONSIDERING that Order in Council 433-2021 dated 24 March 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-019 dated 28 March 2021, 2021-020 dated 1 April 2021 and 2021-023 dated 7 April 2021, provides for, among other things, certain special measures to apply to certain territories;

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

CONSIDERING that Ministerial Order 2021-023 dated 7 April 2021 provides that certain persons may not be present in certain territories;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 525-2021 dated 7 April 2021 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 Order in Council 433-2021 dated 24 March 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-019 dated 28 March 2021, 2021-020 dated 1 April 2021 and 2021-023 dated 7 April 2021, be further amended

(1) in the fifth paragraph,
(a) in subparagraph 20,

i. by striking out "and, on a rink, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended" in subparagraph a;

ii. by striking out "and, if the group is composed of more than two persons, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2, 4 and 9 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended" in subparagraph ii of subparagraph b;

(b) by inserting the following after subparagraph 20:

"(20.1) a face covering must be worn by every person at all times and for the entire duration of any recreational or sports activity in which the occupants of more than private residence or its equivalent participate, except

(1) in a case where the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended, are applicable;

(2) for swimming and water sports;

(3) outside, in a case where the exceptions set out in subparagraph 9 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended, are applicable;";

(2) in the sixth paragraph,

(a) in subparagraph 19,

i. by striking out "and, on a rink, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended" in subparagraph a;

ii. by striking out "and, if the group is composed of more than two persons, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in
subparagraphs 1, 2, 4 and 9 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended" in subparagraph ii of subparagraph b;

(b) by inserting the following after subparagraph 19:

"(19.1) a face covering must be worn by every person at all times and for the entire duration of any recreational or sports activity in which the occupants of more than private residence or its equivalent participate, except

(1) in a case where the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended, are applicable;

(2) for swimming and water sports;

(3) outside, in a case where the exceptions set out in subparagraph 9 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended, are applicable;"

THAT Ministerial Order 2021-023 dated 7 April 2021 be amended by replacing subparagraph 6 of the second paragraph by the following:

"(6) to comply with a court judgment or a summons to appear before a court, or to allow the exercise of custody or parental access rights;".

Québec, 11 April 2021

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