

**Ministerial Order 2021-053 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 10 July 2021**

Public Health Act
(chapter S-2.2)

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

---ooo0ooo---

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 1094-2020 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, until 9 December 2020 by Order in Council 1272-2020 dated 2 December 2020, until 18 December 2020 by Order in Council 1308-2020 dated 9 December 2020, until 25 December 2020 by Order in Council 1351-2020 dated 16 December 2020, until 1 January 2021 by Order in Council 1418-2020 dated 23 December 2020, until 8 January 2021 by Order in Council 1420-2020 dated 30 December 2020, until 15 January 2021 by Order in Council 1-2021 dated 6 January 2021, until 22 January 2021 by Order in Council 3-2021 dated 13 January 2021, until 29 January 2021 by Order in Council 31-2021 dated 20 January 2021, until 5 February 2021 by Order in Council 59-2021 dated 27 January 2021, until 12 February 2021 by Order in

Council 89-2021 dated 3 February 2021, until 19 February 2021 by Order in Council 103-2021 dated 10 February 2021, until 26 February 2021 by Order in Council 124-2021 dated 17 February 2021, until 5 March 2021 by Order in Council 141-2021 dated 24 February 2021, until 12 March 2021 by Order in Council 176-2021 dated 3 March 2021, until 19 March 2021 by Order in Council 204-2021 dated 10 March 2021, until 26 March 2021 by Order in Council 243-2021 dated 17 March 2021, until 2 April 2021 by Order in Council 291-2021 dated 24 March 2021, until 9 April 2021 by Order in Council 489-2021 dated 31 March 2021, until 16 April 2021 by Order in Council 525-2021 dated 7 April 2021, until 23 April 2021 by Order in Council 555-2021 dated 14 April 2021, until 30 April 2021 by Order in Council 570-2021 dated 21 April 2021, until 7 May 2021 by Order in Council 596-2021 dated 28 April 2021, until 14 May 2021 by Order in Council 623-2021 dated 5 May 2021, until 21 May 2021 by Order in Council 660-2021 dated 12 May 2021, until 28 May 2021 by Order in Council 679-2021 dated 19 May 2021, until 4 June 2021 by Order in Council 699-2021 dated 26 May 2021, until 11 June 2021 by Order in Council 740-2021 dated 2 June 2021, until 18 June 2021 by Order in Council 782-2021 dated 9 June 2021, until 25 June 2021 by Order in Council 807-2021 dated 16 June 2021, until 2 July 2021 by Order in Council 849-2021 dated 23 June 2021, until 9 July 2021 by Order in Council 893-2021 dated 30 June 2021 and until 16 July 2021 by Order in Council 937-2021 dated 7 July 2021;

CONSIDERING that Ministerial Order 2020-100 dated 3 December 2020 provides for, among other things, certain measures that concern the maximum occupancy of shopping centres and retail sales businesses;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021 and 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, provides for, among other things, certain special measures to apply in 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 Order in Council 937-2021 dated 7 July 2021 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 the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic allows for the easing of certain measures set in place to protect the health of the population, while maintaining certain of the measures necessary to continue that protection;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021 and 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, be further amended

(1) by replacing "two metres" in the fourth and fifth paragraphs by "one metre";

(2) by striking out the sixth paragraph;

(3) by replacing the seventh paragraph by the following:

"THAT the persons gathered to exercise their right to protest peacefully maintain a distance of one metre between themselves and every other person, except if a person is receiving a service or support from another person;"

(4) by striking out the eighth paragraph;

(5) in the ninth paragraph,

(a) by replacing subparagraph 8 by the following:

"(8) is a student sitting in a classroom of a university institution, college, private educational institution providing college instructional services or other institution providing college-level or university instructional services or ongoing training services, or in a classroom where educational and instructional adult general education and training services are provided, and maintains a minimum lateral distance of one metre with every other person who is neither an occupant of the same private residence or its equivalent nor a person providing a service or support;

(8.1) is a member of the public sitting in a courtroom or hearing room and maintains a minimum lateral distance of one metre with every other person

who is neither an occupant of the same private residence or its equivalent nor a person providing a service or support;"

(b) by inserting ", or one metre if the persons remain silent or speak in a low voice" in subparagraph a of subparagraph 11 after "two metres";

(6) in the sixteenth paragraph

(a) in subparagraph 5,

i. by replacing the portion before subparagraph i of subparagraph b by the following:

"(b) the persons in the place maintain a minimum distance of two metres, or one metre if the persons remain silent or speak in a low voice, even when they remain where they are and do not move about, unless";

ii. by replacing "complying with the conditions set out in subparagraph b" in subparagraph c by "remaining where they are and not moving about";

(b) in subparagraph 7,

i. by replacing subparagraphs a, b and c by the following:

"(a) indoors,

i. the seating arrangement on the premises must be such that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained between tables, unless a physical barrier able to limit contagion separates the tables;

ii. a maximum of 10 persons may be seated at the same table, unless the persons are occupants of a maximum of three private residences or the equivalent;

(b) outdoors,

i. the seating arrangement on the premises must be such that a minimum distance of one metre is maintained between tables, unless a physical barrier able to limit contagion separates the tables;

ii. a maximum of 20 persons may be seated at the same table, unless the persons are occupants of a maximum of three private residences or the equivalent;"

ii. by replacing "despite subparagraphs *b* and *c*" in the portion before subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *d* by "despite subparagraph *ii* of subparagraphs *a* and *b*";

(*c*) in subparagraph 13, by replacing "two metres" wherever that expression appears by "one metre";

(*d*) in subparagraph 14,

i. by replacing the portion before subparagraph *i* of subparagraph *b* by the following:

"(*b*) a distance of one empty seat must be left between each person, unless";

ii. by moving the word "and" from the end of subparagraph *b* to the end of subparagraph *c*, and by adding the following subparagraph:

"(*d*) the members of the public may remove their face covering when they are seated and remain silent or speak in a low voice;"

(*e*) by replacing subparagraph 15 by the following:

"(15) despite subparagraph 14, at an indoor event or amateur sports training activity,

(*a*) a maximum of 50 persons may be present when seated in the grandstands or bleachers or in any other type of seating arrangement allowing the persons to be seated in assigned seats;

(*b*) a maximum of 25 persons may be present in all other cases;"

(f) in subparagraph 16,

i. by replacing "10 square metres" in subparagraph iv of subparagraph a by "five square metres";

ii. by replacing "a minimum lateral distance of 1 metre must be maintained between the persons attending," in subparagraph ii of subparagraph c by "a distance of one empty seat must be left between each person,";

(g) by inserting the following after subparagraph 16:

"(16.1) despite subparagraph 16, at an outdoor event or amateur sports training activity,

(a) a maximum of 100 persons may be present when seated in the grandstands or bleachers or in any other type of seating arrangement allowing the persons to be seated in assigned seats;

(b) a maximum of 50 persons may be present in all other cases;"

(h) by replacing subparagraph 20 by the following:

"(20) in a physical training room,

(a) the operator is required to keep a register of every patron admitted into the establishment;

(b) a minimum distance of two metres must be maintained at all times between every person who is neither an occupant of the same private residence or its equivalent nor a person providing a service or support;"

(j) by replacing "two metres" wherever that expression appears in subparagraph 21 by "one metre";

(k) by replacing subparagraph 22 by the following:

"(22) an exhibition bringing together several exhibitors or retail sales businesses may be held in a rented hall or community hall, in which case the measures set out in the eighteenth paragraph must be complied with;"

(l) by adding "or 16.1" at the end of subparagraph c of subparagraph 26;

(7) by inserting the following paragraph after the seventeenth paragraph:

"THAT the operator of a shopping centre or a retail sales business and the organizer of an exhibition bringing together several exhibitors or retail sales businesses be required to take the necessary measures to ensure that occupancy is monitored at all times so that the distancing rules set out in this Order in Council may be complied with;"

THAT Ministerial Order 2020-100 dated 3 December 2020 be revoked;

THAT this Order take effect on 12 July 2021.

Québec, 10 July 2021

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ
Minister of Health and Social Services