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

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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 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;",

(1) 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

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