

**Ministerial Order 2021-060 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 24 August 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 has consistently been renewed since that date by various Orders in Council, including by Order in Council 1127-2021 dated 18 August 2021;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021, 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, 2021-058 dated 13 August 2021 and 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, provides for, among other things, certain special measures to apply throughout Québec;

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 1127-2021 dated 18 August 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 it is advisable to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the operative part of Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021, 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, 2021-058 dated 13 August 2021 and 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, be further amended

(1) by striking out subparagraph 8 of the seventh paragraph;

(2) by replacing subparagraph 28 of the fourteenth paragraph by the following:

"(28) for students in university institutions, colleges, private educational institutions providing college instructional services and other institutions providing college-level or university instructional services and institutions where educational and instructional professional training, adult general education or ongoing training services are provided, a procedural mask must be worn at all times when the students are present in any building or room used by

the institution, subject to the exceptions referred to in subparagraphs 4 to 7 and 10 of the seventh paragraph;

(29) students at the elementary or secondary school level in general education for youth who are present in any building or room used by a school service centre, school board or private educational institution situated in the territory of a health region listed in Schedule II must wear a procedural mask at all times, subject to the following exceptions:

(a) the student has any of the following medical conditions:

i. the student is incapable, alone, of putting on or removing a procedural mask because of a physical disability;

ii. the student has a facial deformation;

iii. as a result of a cognitive disorder, intellectual impairment, autism spectrum disorder or other mental health condition, the student is not capable of understanding the procedural mask requirement, or the wearing of such a mask causes disorganization or significant distress;

iv. any other medical condition forming grounds on which the wearing of the procedural mask is considered to be harmful or dangerous, for which a certificate from a professional qualified to make such a diagnosis may be required;

(b) the student is receiving care or a service or is engaging in a physical or other activity requiring the procedural mask be removed, in which case the student may remove the procedural mask for the duration of the care, service or activity;

(c) the student momentarily removes the procedural mask to eat or drink, or for identification purposes;

(d) the student has special needs related to speech, language and communication or is receiving welcoming services and assistance in learning French as part of educational and instructional services;

(e) the student interacts with a person pursuant to the preceding subparagraph;

(f) in the classroom, when the outdoor temperature determined by Environment Canada is 25°C or higher, unless the room is air conditioned;"

(3) by replacing Schedule I by the following:

"Schedule I – Educational institutions in which special measures apply

- Cégep d'Ahuntsic;
- Cégep de Rosemont;
- Cégep Marie-Victorin;
- Cégep de Sept-Îles;
- Institut Teccart;
- TAV College;
- Recording Arts Canada;
- Collège l'Avenir de Rosemont inc.";

(4) by adding the following Schedule at the end:

"Schedule II – Health regions where the wearing of a procedural mask is mandatory at all times for students at the elementary or secondary school level in general education for youth

- Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec Health Region;
- Estrie Health Region;
- Montréal Health Region;

- Outaouais Health Region;
- Laval Health Region;
- Lanaudière Health Region;
- Laurentides Health Region;
- Montérégie Health Region."

Québec, 24 August 2021

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