

**Ministerial Order 2021-066 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 1 October 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 1277-2021 dated 29 September 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, 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, 2021-060 dated 24 August 2021, 2021-061 dated 31 August 2021, 2021-062 dated 3 September 2021, 2021-063 dated 9 September 2021 and 2021-065 dated 24 September 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 1277-2021 dated 29 September 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 an ambulance technician to whom the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in within the framework of pre-hospital emergency services and care (chapter M-9, r. 2.1) applies may engage in the activities referred to in sections 7 and 9 of the Regulation within a public health and social services institution, under the authority of the nursing care director;

THAT an ambulance technician trained in advanced care to whom section 10 or 11 of that Regulation applies may engage in the activities referred to in sections 7, 9, 12 and 13 of the Regulation within a public health and social services institution, under the authority of the nursing care director;

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, 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, 2021-060 dated 24 August 2021, 2021-061 dated 31 August

2021, 2021-062 dated 3 September 2021, 2021-063 dated 9 September 2021 and 2021-065 dated 24 September 2021, be further amended

(1) by striking out subparagraph xii of subparagraph c of subparagraph 2 of the third paragraph;

(2) by replacing subparagraph 2 of the ninth paragraph by the following:

"(2) the person is a child in preschool education in a school bus in which only children in preschool education are present;"

(3) in the fourteenth paragraph,

(a) by replacing subparagraph b of subparagraph 29 by the following:

"(b) the student at the elementary school level may remove his or her procedural mask when receiving care or a service or engaging in an activity requiring the procedural mask be removed, when participating in an extracurricular activity, sports-study, arts-study or sports concentration program or other special educational project of the same nature, or when participating in a physical education class and, in the latter case, the student maintains a distance of two metres from the other students;

(b.1) the student at the secondary school level may remove his or her procedural mask when receiving care or a service or engaging in an activity requiring the procedural mask be removed, when participating in an extracurricular activity, sports-study, arts-study or sports concentration program or other special educational project of the same nature, or when participating in a physical education class;"

(b) by adding the following after subparagraph 29:

"(30) the seventh, eighth and twelfth paragraphs apply to the common areas, including an elevator, in a private seniors' residence situated in the territory of any of the health regions listed in Schedule II, except that the face covering worn must be a procedural mask;"

(4) by striking out "at all times for students at the elementary or secondary school level in general education for youth" in the title of Schedule II;

THAT the measures set out in subparagraph 2 and in subparagraph a of subparagraph 3 of the third paragraph take effect on 4 October 2021.

Québec, 1 October 2021

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