

**Ministerial Order 2022-012 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 4 February 2022**

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 114-2022 dated 2 February 2022;

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, 2021-065 dated 24 September 2021, 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021, 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-068 dated 9 October 2021, 2021-069 dated 12 October 2021, 2021-073 dated 22 October 2021, 2021-074 dated 25 October 2021, 2021-077 dated 29 October 2021, 2021-078 dated 2 November 2021, 2021-079 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-083 dated 10 December 2021, 2021-086 dated 13 December 2021, 2021-087 dated 14 December 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2021-090 dated 20 December 2021, 2021-092 dated 22 December 2021, 2021-096 dated 31 December 2021, 2022-001 dated 2 January 2022, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022 and 2022-011 dated 29 January 2022, provides among other things for certain special measures to apply throughout Québec;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 114-2022 dated 2 February 2022 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 the eleventh paragraph of 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, 2021-065 dated 24 September 2021, 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021, 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-068 dated 9 October 2021, 2021-069 dated 12 October 2021, 2021-073 dated 22 October 2021, 2021-074

dated 25 October 2021, 2021-077 dated 29 October 2021, 2021-078 dated 2 November 2021, 2021-079 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-083 dated 10 December 2021, 2021-086 dated 13 December 2021, 2021-087 dated 14 December 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2021-090 dated 20 December 2021, 2021-092 dated 22 December 2021, 2021-096 dated 31 December 2021, 2022-001 dated 2 January 2022, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022 and 2022-011 dated 29 January 2022, be further amended

(1) by inserting the following after subparagraph 15:

"(16) at an outdoor event open to the public, including a festival, a maximum of not more than 1,000 persons per site may be in attendance,";

(2) by replacing the portion before subparagraph i of subparagraph a.1 of subparagraph 21 by the following:

"(a.1) it is organized in a place where the activities are not otherwise suspended for a group of persons under 18 years of age or, if it is organized by a sports federation body or a body recognized by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, for a group of persons under 18 years of age and persons born after 1 January 2001, on the following conditions:"

(3) by replacing subparagraph 26.1 by the following:

"(26.1) it is prohibited to organize or participate in a gathering of more than 250 persons on the same site of an outdoor public place, including as part of an event of a commercial, religious, cultural, sports, recreational or entertainment nature, except

(a) if the persons gathered are exercising their right to protest peacefully; or

(b) as part of an event taking place in conformity with subparagraph 16;"

Québec, 4 February 2022

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