

**Ministerial Order 2022-027 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 31 March 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 595-2022 dated 30 March 2022;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council also 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 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, 2022-011 dated 29 January 2022, 2022-012 dated 4 February 2022, 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, 2022-015 dated 11 February 2022, 2022-018 dated 19 February 2022, 2022-019 dated 25 February 2022, 2022-020 dated 4 March 2022 and 2022-021 dated 11 March 2022, provides among other things for certain special measures to apply throughout Québec;

CONSIDERING that it is desirable to consolidate all the public health measures into one Ministerial Order;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, for the purposes of this Order, the following constitute a service or support:

(1) a service or support required by a person because of his or her state of health or for safety purposes, for personal care or esthetics purposes, for commercial or professional purposes, for the purposes of childcare or care of vulnerable persons, respite, domestic help, help for activities of daily living, tutoring or class instruction;

(2) a maintenance, repair or residential renovation service;

(3) a visit for the sale or lease of the residence;

(4) a visit necessary to perform work or carry on a profession;

(5) any other service or support of the same nature;

THAT, for the purposes of this Order, the following have the meaning assigned as follows:

(1) "face covering" means a mask or tightly fitting cloth that covers the nose and the mouth;

(2) "public place" means the part of the following places accessible to the public, insofar as it is enclosed or partially covered and is not an accommodation unit:

(a) a retail sales business, a shopping centre, or a building or room where a service enterprise is operated, including a personal care or beauty care enterprise;

(b) a restaurant or a bar;

(c) a place of worship;

(d) a place where activities or services of a cultural or entertainment nature are offered;

(e) a place where sports are played or recreational activities are carried on;

(f) a rented hall or other place used to hold events, including conventions and conferences, or to hold receptions;

(g) a place where municipal or government services are available;

(h) a common area, including an elevator, of a tourist accommodation establishment;

(i) a building or room used by an educational institution;

(j) a train or bus station, a ferry terminal, a subway station or an airport;

(k) a private health consulting room or office;

THAT it be prohibited for an operator of a public place to admit a person who is not wearing a face covering, or to tolerate the presence in the public place of a person not wearing a face covering, unless the person

(1) is less than 10 years of age and is not a student present in a building or a room used by an educational institution;

(2) is a child in preschool education present in a building or a room used by an educational institution or children at a vacation camp or day camp;

(3) states that the wearing of a face covering is not possible because of the person's medical condition;

(4) is in the public place receiving care, being provided a service or engaging in a physical or other activity requiring the face covering be removed, in which case the person may remove the face covering for the duration of the care, service or activity;

(5) momentarily removes the face covering to eat or drink, or for identification purposes;

(6) works or practises his or her profession in the public place;

(7) 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;

(8) is in a courtroom or hearing room and is not covered by the preceding subparagraph, or is in a jury room; or

(9) is consuming food or a beverage in a restaurant, a food court in a shopping centre or food store, in a bar or in any other room used for the purposes of restaurant services or the consumption of beverages;

THAT, despite subparagraph 6 of the preceding paragraph,

(1) in an immovable other than a residential immovable, whether a public place or not, it be prohibited for the operator to admit any person, including a person who works or practises his or her profession in the immovable, if the person is not wearing a face covering, or to tolerate the presence of a person not wearing a face covering in an entrance hall, reception area or elevator in the immovable; and

(2) a person who works or practises his or her profession in a public place remain subject to the rules that apply in matters of occupational health and safety;

THAT it be prohibited for an operator of a shared transportation service by bus, minibus, subway, boat, train or plane to admit into or tolerate the presence of a person not wearing a face covering in such a means of transportation unless

(1) the person is less than 10 years of age and is not a student present in a school bus;

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

(3) the person states that the wearing of a face covering is not possible because of the person's medical condition;

(4) the means of transportation is the person's usual place of work;

(5) the person is consuming food or a beverage while in an area used for the purposes of restaurant services or the consumption of beverages;

(6) the person momentarily removes the face covering to eat or drink, or for identification purposes;

(7) on a ferry, the person remains in his or her vehicle or on an outside deck; or

(8) the person is on the outside deck of a vehicle;

THAT the prohibitions set out in the preceding paragraph also apply, subject to the same exceptions, to the driver of a motor vehicle used for remunerated passenger transportation other than in connection with the operation of a shared transportation service, excluding carpooling;

THAT a person whose usual place of work is a means of transportation referred to in the fifth paragraph or a motor vehicle referred to in the sixth paragraph remain subject to the rules that apply in matters of occupational health and safety;

THAT it be prohibited for any person not wearing a face covering

(1) to enter or be present in a public place, unless the person is covered by an exception under the third paragraph;

(2) to enter an immovable other than a residential immovable, whether a public place or not, or be present in an entrance hall, reception area or elevator in the immovable, unless the person is covered by one of the exceptions under subparagraphs 1 to 5 or 7 to 9 of the third paragraph; or

(3) to enter a bus, minibus, subway, boat, train or plane used in connection with the operation of a shared transportation service or a motor vehicle used for remunerated passenger transportation, excluding carpooling, or

to be present in such a means of transportation, unless the person is covered by an exception under the fifth paragraph;

THAT the third, fourth and eighth paragraphs apply to the common areas, including an elevator, in a private seniors' residence, other than in the territories of the Nunavik and Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James health regions, except that the face covering worn must be a procedural mask;

THAT a priest or minister or a person acting as a volunteer in a place of worship may remove his or her face covering if a minimum distance of one metre is maintained with any other person;

THAT at a marriage in a hearing room or hall, a face covering be worn by the public at all times, subject to the exceptions provided for in subparagraphs 1, 3 or 5 of the third paragraph;

THAT in movie theaters and rooms or halls in which performing arts are presented, including broadcast venues, for a production, an audio-video filming, an indoor performance, in physical training rooms, as well as for an indoor training activity or sports event, the face covering worn by the public must be a procedural mask;

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Québec, 31 March 2022

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