Ministerial Order 2022-028 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 it is desirable to consolidate all the operational measures into one Ministerial Order;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the COVID-19 related services provided by correspondence or by means of telecommunication by health professionals be considered to be insured services;

THAT, despite the first paragraph of the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-037 dated 14 May 2020, the duration of the privileges granted to a physician or a dentist that was extended under that Order not be extended beyond 31 May 2022;

THAT the duration of the privileges granted to a physician or a dentist, if they expire between the date of this Order and 31 May 2022, be extended to that date;

THAT the QR Code received by a person from the government of Québec enabling the person to produce proof that he or she is adequately protected against COVID-19 be revoked without delay if the Minister of Health and Social Services or a public health director believes on serious grounds that the proof was obtained without right, in particular through false or misleading statements;

THAT the Minister or, if applicable, the public health director concerned, be required, as soon as possible, to provide the person whose QR code has been revoked pursuant to the preceding paragraph with the written grounds for the revocation and to give the person an opportunity to submit observations and, if appropriate, to produce documents;

THAT the Minister be able to have the necessary corrections entered in the vaccination registry as soon as the QR code has been revoked pursuant to the fourth paragraph;

THAT the following be revoked:

(1) the first dash in the third paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, amended by Orders in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, 588-2020 dated 3 June 2020,

615-2020 dated 10 June 2020, 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020, 708-2020 dated 30 June 2020, 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, 135-2021 dated 17 February 2021 and 2022-023 dated 23 March 2022;

(2) the first paragraph of Ministerial Order 2020-037 dated 14 May 2020, amended by Ministerial Order 2022-024 dated 25 March 2022;

(3) Ministerial Order 2022-005 dated 21 January 2022, amended by Ministerial Order 2022-021 dated 11 March 2022.

Québec, 31 March 2022

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ Minister of Health and Social Services