

Ministerial Order 2020-005 by the Minister of Health and Social Services dated
17 March 2020

Public Health Act
(chapter S-2.2)

CONCERNING the ordering of measures to protect
the health of the population during 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 specifies 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 said Act to protect the health of the population;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, which declares a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that the said order provides that childcare centres, day care centres, home childcare services and school childcare services must suspend their activities, but that services must be organized and provided for a child if one of the child's parents is employed by, or exercises a profession in, a health and social services institution or is a police officer, firefighter, ambulance technician, correctional services officer or special constable;

CONSIDERING that the said order provides that the Minister of Health and Social Services may order any other measure needed to ensure that the health and social services network has the necessary human resources;

CONSIDERING that the said order empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any other measure necessary to protect the health of

the population, pursuant to subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the said Act;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

In addition to the services provided for in Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 and Ministerial Order 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, childcare services must be organized and provided for a child where one of the child's parents

(1) is in charge of or employed by an intermediate resource, a family type resource, a social economy enterprise providing home assistance, a private seniors' residence, a childcare centre, a day care centre, a home childcare service or a school childcare service that is providing services while the declaration of public health emergency is in effect;

(2) provides services in the framework of the direct allowance home care mechanism - service employment paycheque;

(3) is an inspector, a veterinary surgeon, an analyst or another agent necessary for the carrying into effect of the Food Products Act (chapter P-29);

(4) is a coroner;

(5) is employed by one of the following agencies and has been identified by the highest authority at that agency as a supplier of services deemed to be essential in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: the Red Cross, Héma-Québec, Transplant Québec, the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec, the Institut national de santé publique du Québec, or a drug wholesaler accredited by the Minister of Health and Social Services, a centre for the prevention of suicide, the government air service, a waste treatment or collection service or a water treatment service;

(6) is employed by the Ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec, is assigned to public security and has been identified by the highest authority at that Ministère as a supplier of services deemed to be essential in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic;

(7) is employed by a 9-1-1 emergency centre or a dispatch centre for a fire safety service or a police force;

(8) is part of the personnel assigned to take calls made by the population to the Government of Québec telephone information line concerning COVID-19 or is part of the personnel assigned to oversee the provision of that service to the Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale;

The effects of any judgment by a tribunal or any decision by the Régie du logement authorizing the repossession of a dwelling or the eviction of the lessee of a dwelling are suspended, as are the effects of any judgment or any decision ordering the eviction of the lessee or occupant of a dwelling, unless the lessor rented the dwelling again before the coming into effect of this Ministerial Order and the suspension would prevent the new lessee from taking possession of the premises. Despite the foregoing, the tribunal or the Régie du logement may, when exceptional circumstances justify doing so, order the enforcement of one of its judgments or one of its decisions, as the case may be;

All sampling counters and booths that are located, in particular, in grocery stores and big box stores must suspend their activities.

Québec, 17 March 2020

Original signed by the Minister

DANIELLE MCCANN

Minister of Health and Social Services