

**Ministerial Order 2020-039 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 22 May 2020**

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 that Order in Council 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 public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020, until 16 April 2020 by Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020, until 24 April 2020 by Order in Council 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, until 29 April 2020 by Order in Council 478-2020 dated 22 April 2020, until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020, until 13 May 2020 by Order in Council 501-2020 dated 6 May 2020, until 20 May 2020 by Order in Council 509-2020 dated 13 May 2020 and until 27 May 2020 by Order in Council 531-2020 dated 20 May 2020;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 531-2020 dated 20 May 2020 empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to take any measure provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020 provides for the lifting of the suspension applicable to the activities of certain childcare centres, day care centres and home childcare services and empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in the Order in Council;

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 some of the measures necessary to continue that protection;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT Ministerial Order 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, amended by Ministerial Order 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, be further amended by inserting the following after the second paragraph of the operative part:

"THAT the president or, in the president's absence, the executive director or the secretary of the Ordre des infirmières et des infirmiers du Québec may issue, without cost and to allow acts as a nursing extern to be performed, a special public health emergency student authorization to a person who, at the time the educational and instructional services determined under Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 were suspended, was registered in the last session of the second year of the college study program or in a session that would have allowed the person to earn a minimum of 34 credits in the university program awarding a diploma giving access to the permit of the Order;

THAT the president or, in the president's absence, the executive director or the secretary of the Ordre des inhalothérapeutes du Québec may issue, without cost and to allow acts as a respiratory therapy extern to be performed, a special public health emergency student authorization to a person who, not later than 20 months previously, successfully completed the training courses specific to respiratory therapy for the first two years of the program of studies leading to a diploma giving access to the permit of the Order;"

THAT the nursing assistants and medical technologists be authorized to perform, even without a prescription, the COVID-19 screening test;

THAT a midwife be authorized, in the practice of the profession, to perform the COVID-19 screening test;

THAT a midwife be authorized, in the practice of the profession, to prescribe, perform and interpret a glycated hemoglobin test in relation to the mother and to prescribe and perform the analyses necessary for preeclampsia screening;

THAT a midwife be authorized, in the practice of the profession, to prescribe or administer the following medications:

labour;

(1) vancomycin for group B streptococcus prophylaxis during

(2) azithromycin for the treatment of chlamydia and gonorrhoea;

(3) valacyclovir for prophylaxis of recurrent herpes; and

(4) domperidone, exclusively for breastfeeding;

THAT, as of 25 May 2020, the Schedule to Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, amended by Ministerial Order 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, by further amended

(1) by replacing "30%" in the first paragraph of section 1 by "50%";

(2) by striking out the second paragraph of section 1;

THAT, as of 24 May 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-012 dated 30 March 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-014 dated 2 April 2020 and 2020-015 dated 4 April 2020, be revoked.

Québec, 22 May 2020

DANIELLE McCANN  
Minister of Health and Social Services

