

**Ministerial Order 2020-045 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 17 June 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 and, more particularly, ordering the suspension of the educational and instructional services of educational institutions;

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, until 27 May 2020 by Order in Council 531-2020 dated 20 May 2020, until 3 June 2020 by Order in Council 544-2020 dated 27 May 2020, until 10 June 2020 by Order in Council 572-2020 dated 3 June 2020, until 17 June 2020 by Order in Council 593-2020 dated 10 June 2020 and until 23 June 2020 by Order in Council 630-2020 dated 17 June 2020;

CONSIDERING that, in particular in Orders in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020 and 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, the government lifted the suspension applicable to certain educational and instructional services of educational institutions under Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020 provided in particular that the number of students in vocational training and in adult general education be limited to 15 per group;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020 ordered in particular the suspension of all activity carried on in work environments, except in work environments providing the priority services listed in the Schedule to the said Order;

CONSIDERING that the Schedule to the said order was amended by Orders in Council 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020, 539-2020 dated 20 May 2020 and 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020 and by Ministerial Orders 2020-010 dated 27 March 2020, 2020-011 dated 28 March 2020, 2020-013 dated 1 April 2020, 2020-014 dated 2 April 2020, 2020-015 dated 4 April 2020, 2020-016 dated 7 April 2020, 2020-017 dated 8 April 2020, 2020-018 dated 9 April 2020, 2020-021 dated 14 April 2020, 2020-023 dated 17 April 2020, 2020-025 dated 19 April 2020 and 2020-027 dated 22 April 2020;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020 provided that the suspension applicable to activities carried on in work environments be lifted with respect to retail businesses situated elsewhere than in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal and that are not covered under the heading “**6. Priority commercial enterprises**” of the Schedule to Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, as amended, provided that the businesses have a door to the outside ordinarily used by the clientele and that access to the businesses through an indoor common area is prohibited;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 539-2020 dated 20 May 2020 provided that the suspension applicable to activities carried on in work environments be lifted with respect to retail businesses that are situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal and that are not covered in heading “**6. Priority commercial enterprises**” of the Schedule to Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, as amended, on the same conditions;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020 provided that the conditions applicable to retail businesses set out in Order in Council 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020 cease to apply, except with respect to retail businesses situated in a shopping centre in the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette;

CONSIDERING that the said Order in Council also provided certain measures applicable in the common areas of shopping centres situated in the territories of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal and the regional county municipality of Joliette;

CONSIDERING that Ministerial Order 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020 set limits on outings for users lodged in a facility in an institution where a residential and long-term care centre is operated and for users taken in charge by an intermediate resource or by a family-type resource under the Support for Elderly Autonomy Program, and also on visits to such users and to residents in a private seniors’ residence;

CONSIDERING that Orders in Council 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020, 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 539-2020 dated 20 May 2020 and 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020 empower the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for therein;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020 provides that the Minister of Health and Social Services is authorized to lift the suspension applicable to any work environment under Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, as amended;

CONSIDERING that the current situation as regards the COVID-19 pandemic makes it possible to relax certain measures put in place to protect the health of the population, while maintaining the measures that are necessary to continue to protect public health;

#### ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the rule concerning the number of students per group provided for in the seventh paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, amended by Order in Council 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, cease to apply in vocational training and adult general education;

THAT the conditions set out in the first paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020, amended by Order in Council 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, cease to apply to retail businesses situated in a shopping centre in the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette;

THAT the conditions set out in the second paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 539-2020 dated 20 May 2020 cease to apply to retail businesses situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal;

THAT the suspension applicable to activities carried on in work environments pursuant to Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020,

amended by Orders in Council 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020, 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 530-2020 dated 19 May 2020, 539-2020 and 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, 588-2020 dated 3 June 2020, 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 and 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020 and by Ministerial Orders 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020, 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020 and 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020, be lifted with respect to

(1) zoological gardens and aquariums;

(2) public gardens;

(3) artisan food producers and farms offering farm tourism activities, for their guided tourism activities;

(4) tourist reception and information sites;

That Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, amended by Orders in Council 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020, 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 530-2020 dated 19 May 2020, 539-2020 and 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, 588-2020 dated 3 June 2020, 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 and 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020 and by Ministerial Orders 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020, 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020 and 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020, Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, amended by Order in Council 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, as well as Ministerial Order 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, amended by Orders in Council 530-2020 dated 19 May 2020 and 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020 and by Ministerial Orders 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, 2020-029 dated 26 April 2020, 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020 and 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020, be amended accordingly;

THAT the following be repealed:

(1) the eleventh paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, amended by Ministerial Order 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020;

(2) the first, second, third and fourth paragraphs of the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, amended by Ministerial Order 2020-035 dated 10 May 2020;

THAT this Ministerial Order have effect as of 19 June 2020, except

(1) the measure provided for in the first paragraph of the operative part, which has effect as of 17 June 2020;

(2) the measure provided for in the second subparagraph of the sixth paragraph of the operative part, which has effect as of 18 June 2020.

Québec, 17 June 2020

DANIELLE McCANN  
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