Ministerial Order 2020-047 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 19 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;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council orders in particular the suspension of the activities of childcare centres, day care centres and home childcare services;

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 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 Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, amended by Orders in Council 543-2020 dated 22 May 2020 and 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020, and Order in Council 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 provide for, among other things, the rules that apply to assemblies;

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

CONSIDERING that Ministerial Order 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020 in particular lifted that suspension with respect to work environments that offer the public outdoor, recreational or sports activities, conducted outside, with the exception of beaches, provided the activities do not take place in water parks or spa pools;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 in particular lifted that suspension with respect to restaurants situated elsewhere than in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette and the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie for the restaurant activities, on certain conditions; CONSIDERING that, 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, 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020 and 2020-045 dated 17 June 2020, the Government lifted the suspension applicable to certain activities carried on in work environments under Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020;

CONSIDERING that, by Orders in Council 505-2020 dated 1 May 2020 and 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, the suspension applicable to the activities of childcare centres, day care centres and home child-care services under Orders in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 and 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020 was lifted throughout Québec, provided that the activities are carried on in compliance with the conditions set out in the Schedule to Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, amended by Order in Council 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, and by Ministerial Orders 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, 2020-039 dated 22 May 2020, 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020 and 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020;

CONSIDERING that Orders in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020 and 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 empower the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in the Orders in Council;

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 Order in Council 630-2020 dated 17 June 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 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 the suspension applicable to activities carried on in work environments under 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, 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020 and 2020-045 dated 17 June 2020, be lifted with respect to

(1) work environments that offer the public outdoor, recreational or sports activities, provided the activities do not take place in water parks or spa pools, or the activities do not involve any direct physical contact during combat sports;

(2) day camps;

(3) places of public worship; and

(4) restaurants situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette and the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie, for their restaurant activities, on the same conditions as those set out in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph in the operative part of Order in Council 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020;

THAT food courts in shopping centres and food stores situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette and the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie may be used by customers as long as they have been set up and laid out in compliance with the conditions set out in subparagraphs b, c and d of subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph in the operative part of Order in Council 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020;

THAT the measures concerning assemblies in a private residence or its equivalent or in a private outdoor location applicable elsewhere than in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette and the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie under Order in Council 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 be as of now applicable to those territories;

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, 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020 and 2020-045 dated 17 June 2020, Order in Council 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020, Ministerial Order 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, amended by Orders in Council 530-2020 dated 19 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 and 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020, and by Ministerial Orders 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, 2020-029 dated 26 April 2020, 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020, 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020 and 2020-045 dated 17 June 2020, be amended accordingly;

THAT the Schedule to Order in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, amended by Order in Council 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, and by Ministerial Orders 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, 2020-039 dated 22 May 2020, 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020 and 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020, be further amended

(1) by striking out the first paragraph of section 1;

(2) by replacing "Despite the first paragraph, a" in the second paragraph of section 1 by "A";

(3) by replacing section 2 by the following:

"2. A recognized home childcare provider situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette or the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie may provide childcare to up to 4 children, whether the provider is assisted or not.";

(4) by replacing "In addition to the children registered with a childcare provider before the declaration of the public health emergency and whose parents are called back to work, the childcare provider" in section 3 by "In addition to the children registered, before the declaration of the public health emergency, with a child-care provider situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette or the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie and whose parents are called back to work, the childcare provider in the territory";

(5) by inserting "situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette or the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie" in section 5 after "to the child's childcare provider";

(6) by adding the following paragraph at the end of section 5:

"Elsewhere in Québec, a parent who elects not to send his or her child to the child's childcare provider is required to pay a contribution to keep the place intended for his or her child for as long as the childcare agreement is in force. The childcare provider may fill the unoccupied place by taking in children the provider registers for a temporary period.";

(7) by replacing section 6 by the following:

"6. A natural person who, in accordance with section 6.1 of the Educational Childcare Act (chapter S-4.1.1), provides childcare services in a private residence situated in the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal, the territory of the regional county municipality of Joliette or the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie may provide childcare to up to 4 children.";

THAT the following be revoked:

(1) the first, second and third paragraphs in the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020; and

(2) the thirteenth paragraph in the operative part of Order in Council 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, amended by Orders in Council 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 and 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020, and by Ministerial Order 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020;

THAT this Ministerial Order take effect on 22 June 2020.

Québec, 19 June 2020

DANIELLE McCANN Minister of Health and Social Services