

**Ministerial Order 2020-059 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated
26 August 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 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, until 23 June 2020 by Order in Council 630-2020 dated 17 June 2020, until 30 June 2020 by Order in Council 667-2020 dated 23 June 2020, until 8 July 2020 by Order in Council 690-2020 dated 30 June 2020, until 15 July 2020 by Order in Council 717-2020 dated 8 July 2020, until 22 July 2020 by Order in Council 807-2020 dated 15 July 2020, until 29 July 2020 by Order in Council 811-2020 dated 22 July 2020, until 5 August 2020 by Order in Council 814-2020 dated 29 July 2020, until 12 August 2020 by Order in Council 815-2020 dated 5 August 2020, until 19 August 2020 by Order in Council 818-2020 dated 12 August 2020, until 26 August 2020 by Order in Council 845-2020 dated 19 August 2020 and until 2 September 2020 by Order in Council 895-2020 dated 26 August 2020;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-051 dated 10 July 2020 and 2020-053 dated 1 August 2020 and by Orders in Council 817-2020 dated 5 August 2020 and 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, which provides that, subject to the special measures provided for in that Order in Council or in any Order in Council or Ministerial Order made subsequently, in any place, a person maintain, to the extent possible, a distance of two metres from any other person, unless otherwise provided;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, amended by Orders in Council 813-2020 dated 27 July 2020 and 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, which provides that an operator of a public place, in particular a place of worship, is prohibited from allowing a person who is not wearing a face covering to enter the public place, or tolerating the presence in the public place of a person not wearing a face covering, unless otherwise provided;

CONSIDERING Orders in Council 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020 and 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended, which provide that the Minister of

Health and Social Services is empowered to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in those Orders 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, in a place of worship,

(1) a minimum distance of 1.5 metres be maintained between the persons assembled when they remain seated in place and are not moving about, unless

(a) they are occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent;

(b) one person is receiving from another person a service or support;

(2) the persons complying with the conditions provided for in paragraph 1 may remove their face covering when they remain silent or speak softly;

(3) a minister of religion or a person acting as a volunteer in such a place may remove their face covering when maintaining a minimum distance of 2 metres from any other person;

THAT Orders in Council 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-051 dated 10 July 2020 and 2020-053 dated

1 August 2020 and by Orders in Council 817-2020 dated 5 August 2020 and 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, and 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, amended by Orders in Council 813-2020 dated 27 July 2020 and 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, be amended accordingly.

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